

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

### IDEA 1

Coming out of our Reach series, it is helpful to step back and realize that “family”—biological, spiritual, or “family”—is one of the most influential “Jerusalem’s” we have in our lives for discipling and being discipled.

**Who is in your “family”?**

**How would you describe what it means to have a spiritual family?**

**How does being in your spiritual family change how you live?**

**What could it look like for you to connect deeper with spiritual family?**

### IDEA 2

Jennifer described spiritual parents as people who name, nurture, protect, provide, comfort, teach, challenge, and correct. They are those who are stewarded by God to cast light on the identity and potential of someone. They are anointed and called by God in a season of your life to reflect the father and mother heart of God himself to his family.

**Who are or have been your spiritual parents?**

**Who have you or are you parenting spiritually?**

**If you don't know the answers to those questions, what are some next steps to find these relationships in your life?**

Remember: Being a spiritual mother or father, son or daughter, is less about defining your relationship with someone, and more about being attuned to how God has positioned you within the family of God.

**What are you noticing about where God has you strategically positioned within the family of God?**

## EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Mother's Day can carry a lot of emotions, both positive and negative, for people.

**Spend some time praying for the men and women in our church and community. Pray that no matter how they are feeling or what they are experiencing this Mother's Day may each person feel the love of our Father God who spreads his wings over us like a mother hen protecting and comforting her children. (Psalm 91:1-4)**

**Spend a few minutes praying a blessing:**

- **For those who grieve on Mother's Day**
- **For those who rejoice on Mother's Day**
- **For those who are mother figures in people's lives**

## PRACTICE THIS WEEK

*Be family with the people God has given you.*

- How can you be loving the people you encounter the way you would love family?

*Where does my family need me?*

- Family takes care of each other, so who needs care that you could serve? How can you serve them?

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**Spend some time answering those questions, and make one or two action steps to implement this week.**