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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 21)

Lam. 3:24-25 (Hope/Trust)

24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

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SERMON GUIDE

TWO FATHERS

John 8:42-59

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting the table: In this reading, Jesus is speaking with a group of religious people who are proud of their spiritual heritage. They believe they're close to God because they are descendants of Abraham, but Jesus challenges that assumption. He tells them that being part of God's family isn't just about ancestry—it's about how they respond to Him.

Then Jesus says something truly shocking: "Before Abraham was born, I am." With these words, Jesus uses the divine name "I AM," - the same name God used to describe Himself when speaking to Moses in Exodus 3:14. The crowd immediately understands, and they react with outrage.

As you read, pay attention to what this tells us about who Jesus is, and why we respond to Him the way we do.

Read John 8:39-59

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What does He mean when He says, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did"? What do we learn about true spirituality? Does this surprise, challenge or comfort you? Why?
- O** In verses 42–47, Jesus says the people cannot bear to hear His word. What reason does He give? How would you define "unbelief" based on this passage?
- O** What do you think Jesus was revealing about Himself in verse 58? Why do you think the crowd responded the way they did?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Where in your life is Jesus inviting you to trust Him as more than a teacher or example, but as the eternal "I AM"? What would a faithful response look like this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.