

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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EVERLASTING FATHER

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. – Isaiah 9:6*

Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in our *Hope is Here* Advent series with a focus on the title of Everlasting Father. Preaching from various passages in Scripture, Pastor Marty gave us a beautiful picture of who this Everlasting Father is. He reminded us the purpose of Christmas, the reason Jesus came to earth to walk among humankind, was to show us who the Father is and what he thinks of us. He is unchanging, forever, eternal, permanent, without beginning or end. Not only is the Father himself everlasting, but so are his attributes and blessings—unfailing and unconditional love, forgiveness, healing, presence, wisdom, inclusiveness, comfort, and more. We can know this Everlasting Father. His was the first voice we heard in our life and can be the loudest voice we hear now. This is possible through ever-increasing faith, through prayer, through his Word, and through others. God shows up and speaks to us in the way we need him to and at the time we need him. He always has and he always will ... for he is Everlasting Father.

SCRIPTURE

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me."
– John 14:8-10 NLT

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. – Psalm 90:2 NIV

Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

He fills my life with good things.

My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

The LORD gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel.

The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

He has removed our sins as far from us as far as the east is from the west.

The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die.

The wind blows, and we are gone—as though we had never been here.

But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him.

His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.

Praise the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands.

Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!

Praise the LORD, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.

Let all that I am praise the LORD. – Psalm 103

After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. – John 10:4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from Marty's message?
2. Read John 14:8, Psalm 90:2. In your own words, how would you describe "everlasting"?
3. Read Psalm 103. What attributes and blessings, (promises) of God do you see?
4. Where in your life have you experienced any of these promises firsthand? What promise(s) are you clinging to in your life right now?
5. Read John 10:4. How can you hear God's voice?
6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Pray to our Everlasting Father, thanking him for sending his Son so you might know him better. Submit your requests to him as you would to a loving father. Ask him to remind you of his character, his very nature, of everlasting love, mercy, and grace. Ask specifically for him to increase your faith so his voice will drown out others that tear you down, lead you astray, or take you back to shame or regret.