



**Father's Day**

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

**Text: Matthew 1 & 2 / Ephesians 6:4**

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**Big Idea:** The gospel of Matthew declares a brief, yet significant look at how Joseph obediently helped shape God's purposes in the earthly life of Jesus our Lord.

**1) Children are shaped for God by; considerate husbands.**

(Matthew 1:18-24 / Ephesians 5:25/ Philippians 2:6-8)

**2) Children are shaped for God by intentional fathers.**

(Matthew 2:13-15)

**3) Children are shaped for God by His sovereign grace.**

(Matthew 2:19-23 / Ephesians 2:20-22 / Ephesians 6:4 / Hebrews 12:11)

Effective dads are those who first make a heart-home for Christ in their own lives and then sacrificially shape their families for **God's purposes**.

### **Study and discussion questions**

- What are some of the encouraging techniques you have seen young Christian dads use to deal with their children? Are they different than the way you were raised?
- In what ways did Joseph lovingly protect Mary, and later, Jesus in his role as a godly step-father? What are some modern ways of doing something similar today?
- How can parents teach their children the importance of working hard, without losing focus on teaching children to put a higher priority on God than on work?
- Read Ephesians 6:4. How can dads balance the two child rearing components of discipline and instruction in the Christian home?
- How can godly dads (or parents) practice active and intentional parenting while also trusting God's sovereign work in their children? What would that kind of parental prayer look like?