**Why in the World: Viewer Guide**

**Session 2 Like Son, Like Father**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Last week, Andy asked you to read one of the Gospels with this question in mind: “*What do I learn about the Father from the Son?”* What is one thing you gained about God as you read?
2. Have you ever seen someone demonstrate great faith despite great suffering? How did that affect your faith in God?
3. Do you ever wonder if your suffering is your fault? If so, how has that shaped your view of God?
4. During the message, Andy said, “*God sometimes chooses to display his power through our pain.”* Respond to that statement. How does it bother you? In what ways is it comforting?
5. During the message, And used an example of the Pharisees allowing their theology to become an obstacle to mercy for a man cured of blindness. In what ways have you seen theology—your own or someone else’s—act as an obstacle to mercy?
6. Do you find it difficult to believe that God takes an interest in you individually? Why or why not? What is one thing you can do this week to remind yourself that God *is* interested in you individually?

**Moving Forward**

Once upon a time, God was one of us. One of the reasons Jesus came to be one of us and to live among us was to clarify for us what our heavenly Father is like. The closer you get to Jesus, the closer you get to understanding God. If you move past Jesus, you’re moving away from the Father.

If you didn’t start reading one of the Gospels last week, it’s not too late. Pick Mathew, Mark, Luke, or John, and just begin to read with this question in mind:

*What do I learn about the Father from the Son?*

**Changing Your Mind**

*He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know.*

*One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”*

*John 9:25*