



Everlasting Father - Bradley Rees

Icebreaker:

1. What is your go to Christmas movie?
2. What's an ideal Snow Day for you?

Summary:

In this fourth week of Advent, we reflect on Jesus as our Everlasting Father. In the midst of a weary and broken world, God reveals Himself as a Father who is consistent in His love, compassionate toward our pain, and merciful in His rescue. Through the life of Jesus, we see a God who never abandons His children and always moves toward us with open arms. This message invites us to trust the Everlasting Father and find hope, healing, and belonging in Him.

Engage the Bible:

- Isaiah 9:6
- Exodus 34:6
- Isaiah 54:10
- Isaiah 49:15
- Luke 15:11-32

Small Group Questions:

- Growing up, did you have any nicknames? What did those names say about you - or about the relationship with the person or people who used it?
- Think about a name or title you might give God that depicts how you most naturally relate to Him - your "default" name for God. (King, Savior, Judge, Guide, Friend, Myth, or anything else!). Why do you think that's your default?
- In what ways have your experiences with your parental figures shaped the way you have viewed God, or the way you've thought God views you?
- Share about a time when you've experienced RAHUM compassion - that deep, fierce care for another person. How easy or difficult is it for you to believe that God cares even more deeply for you?
- Where have you experienced God's mercy - his love in action - in your life? Did you notice it while it was happening?
- In the story of the Prodigal Son, the son physically went home to his father with his brokenness and shame. What are some practical ways we can bring our brokenness, worry, pain, and shame to God so that we can receive His consistent, compassionate, and merciful love?