



## Summer of Love: Part 2

### Small Group Questions: Do You Know Who My Dad Is?

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#### Read

1 John 5:1–5; Matthew 14:28–29; and Romans 8:35–39

#### Reflect

There are times when we feel closer to God than others. Yet whatever our feelings, God is always our spiritual Father. As a child of God, we believe Christ is our Savior. But doubts often creep in during the storms of our lives, and we may start believing the worst about our future. But like Peter, when Christ tells him to come to him, by walking on the water, we too must exercise our faith and learn to trust him.

Pastor Josh Surratt highlights three things we can be confident of when knowing who our dad is:

1. I can be confident in my salvation.
  - a. Do you believe everyone is a child of God? Why or why not?
  - b. How would you define a child of God?
  - c. Have there been days when you doubted that God is your spiritual father and you were a child of God? Explain.
    - i. On the opposite side of the coin, have you seen confidence slip into arrogance? What did it teach you or those close to you?
  - d. Have you actually said you believe that Jesus is the Messiah?
2. I can be confident in where he is taking me.
  - a. Would you say that right now you're trusting God with the direction of your life?
  - b. How have past experiences helped or hindered you in trusting him?
    - i. Have there been times when you were hesitant about moving in a direction, dipping a toe into the water, rather than hopping over the side like Peter and trusting God fully?
  - c. What particular areas do you need to hand over control to God?
    - i. Relationships? Career? Health?
  - d. What fears and doubts are keeping you from obeying?
  - e. If it seems like a particularly bad time to relinquish control over your situation, what does that tell you?
  - f. How willing are you to embrace correction?
    - i. How might embracing correction be the start to a positive legacy for your family?
3. I can be confident when I face obstacles.
  - a. What obstacles are you or your loved ones facing?
  - b. Have you ever felt like you'll be stuck in your circumstances for the rest of your life?
    - i. What testimonies and Scripture help remind you this is not the case?
  - c. The families of the victims at Mother Emanuel offered forgiveness to the one who took the lives of their loved ones. In what ways did this free and bless them?
    - i. What unforgiveness or area of disobedience might be holding you back?

#### Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?