

MESSAGE SUMMARY: Most every man plans out his life: his education, his career, his marriage etc. The question is whose blueprints are you working off of? As Christian men, we ought to have surrendered our lives to God's plan. Today, on this Father's Day, we consider God's design for men. Since He is our heavenly Father, He must certainly be concerned that we earthly fathers are effectively fulfilling their God-given role. Let's take a fresh look at what Abraham discovered about God's plan for his own life.

A Man with A Plan

Genesis 18:16-33

1. Publicly: An Instrument of God's Blessing (Vv. 17-18)

2. Privately: An Influence for God's Character (Vs. 19)

3. Personally: An Intercessor for God's Mercy (Vv. 20-22)

LifeGroup Questions

BEGIN IT (5 min) — Time spent praising the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT (10 min) — What are some of the enjoyable aspects of parenting?

EXPLORE IT (60 min) — Review Sunday's sermon outline together and any notes people have about the message. Read Genesis 18:16-22

1. What does it mean to live a self-centered life?
2. What are some of the ways God wants to have His blessings flow through Christians today?
3. In Galatians 6:10, when should we let blessings flow to others?
4. In Genesis 18:19, who was Abraham's private life to influence?
5. How important is the influence of a godly father upon the children? Why?
6. In Ephesians 6:4, How does rearing children in the "training and instruction of the Lord" provide guidelines for fathers?
7. Do you agree that an adult's opinion of God as their Father is developed through their earthly father's character influence? Why?

APPLY IT (15 min) — How can the Lord support and help you in your role as: #1 **Publicly:** An instrument of God's blessing. #2 **Privately:** An influence of God's Character. #3 **Personally:** An intercessor for God's mercy.