



Connect Group Discussion Guide

Series: Elements

“God, The Divine Parent”

Week of June 5, 2022

Main Idea

God cares for you.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:

Gen. 12:2

Deuteronomy 1:29, 6:4

Exodus 4:22

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.

- In the Deuteronomy verses, we see God’s connection to the people of Israel. He cares for them as a father should care for a child:
 - In exodus 4 and Deuteronomy 1, we see that God the Father will protect his children. He has freed them from slavery, freed them from that which has held them back. They were oppressed, they were in bondage, and God never gave up, but helped them taste freedom.
 - In Deuteronomy 1:30-31 we see a God who has guided and protected them as they go through life, towards a good gift he has for them. God the Father has carried them through their troubles and he is guiding them towards a better, liberated life.
 - And, in Deuteronomy 4, God the Father is teaches us how to live, like a father should. He, through Moses, is trying to teach them to trust in and love him—as he will guide and protect them.
How do these verses encourage you where you are right now?
- We sometimes build idols in our lives to replace God. In a world where God the Father says we are enough, Idols always require more from us. Idols require our time. Idols require maintenance. What are some “idols” that people build in their lives?
- Take a few minutes to discuss, as a group, the important events that have happened in your lives over the course of this current year. What have you learned about God?
- We recognize that a few goals in our relationship with God are: to live as a redemptive community, to fulfill God’s mission in the world, and to live into our specific purpose. The understanding of these often come as a result of a one-on-one with God. When was the last time you had this kind of one-on-one encounter with God? What was that like for you?