



SESSION #1 TALKSHEET #2



"THE HEART OF IT ALL"



NAME _____

DATE _____

Welcome back! Spend at least 30 minutes working through this Talksheet. Single guys do this on your own or with a friend; fathers and sons do this together in a dedicated one-on-one time. **Pray first and ask God to work in your heart to become more Christlike.** You won't regret this investment of time.

- **Recall:** What sticks out in your mind about last week's Talksheet time?
- **Discuss:** In the video, Richard said: *"The time is now for fathers to wholeheartedly disciple their sons, regardless of the cost."* Would you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- **Describe:** Various statistics were given indicating that most of the kids raised in Christian homes grow up to turn away from God. Men must better understand their role and learn to father in different ways than most other Christians do. Read Genesis 18:19 and Psalm 78:5-8 aloud. Describe 3 reasons why it is so important for fathers to properly disciple their children to maturity in Christ.

- **Define:** The video made it clear that Christian activities (e.g. church, youth group, home school etc.) and moral teaching (e.g. be honest, respectable, diligent, polite etc.) are generally not enough to accomplish the goal of cultivating wholehearted love for God. The following seven biblical targets (characteristics) were suggested for fathers to shoot for when disciplining their sons. Write down a clear definition for each one (*Tip: This can be challenging, get help if you need it so you are sure your response is Biblical*).

Desire for God: _____

Repentance: _____

Submission: _____

Wisdom: _____

Purpose: _____

Freedom: _____

Humility: _____

- **Discuss:** Circle the top two characteristics that you think you need to grow in the most. Talk about why you wrote what you did. Note similarities and differences. Compare these to the four goals you wrote down on Talksheet #1. (*Young Men:* Why did you write what you did? How has your father influenced you?)
- **Discuss:** What do you remember about the Lego men responses at the end of the video? We all sin and have areas where we need to step up in. Pride precludes potential. The video says we need a gospel response to correction. Dads must model a teachable spirit. Describe, in practical terms, what this humble, teachable, gospel attitude looks like.
- **Discuss:** Read Proverbs 15:5. Why is it foolish for a son to spurn (ignore or reject) his father's correction or instruction? Tell of a time when you spurned your father's correction. What were the consequences?
- **Write:** Sons and young men write down three things that you appreciate most about your father. (*Tip: you might want to give this some extra thought and come back to fill this in later.*)

- **Pray:** Close in prayer, confess any sin you feel convicted of. Ask God to turn your hearts toward each other and all toward the father heart of God. Pray for each other. Dad leads. Son pray if you want (optional).

*If you have questions, please contact your group leader or see www.malachiman.com for more resources.
Remember to bring this sheet to the next Malachi Man Session (only you will see it).*