

PURSUING THE ADVENTURE OF AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

SESSION 5

REMEMBERING DAD

I. Introduction

	1960	1970	1980	1990
% of children living with biological father	82.5	77.6	67.8	61.7
% of children living apart from biological father	17.5	22.4	32.2	38.3

Proverbs 17:6 _____ "The glory of sons is their father." _____

II. The Absent Father Wound

A. A Definition: An ongoing emotional, social, or spiritual ___deficit_____ ordinarily met in a ___healthy relationship_____ with Dad that must now be overcome by ___other means_____.

B. Three words (or phrases) in remembering Dad

C. Results of the Absent Father Wound:

1. _____anger and pain_____

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2. _____ extreme behavior and addictions or obsessions _____
3. _____ an inner sense of lostness or incompleteness _____
4. _____ homosexuality _____

III. So, what is it that every son wants and needs from his father?

- A. _____ time together _____
- B. _____ life skills _____
- C. _____ direction with solid “why” answers _____
- D. _____ convictions through modeling _____
- E. _____ Dad’s heart _____

Questions for your Small Group

1. What are three words (or phrases) that describe how you remember your Dad?
2. Which, if any, of the four results of the Absent Father Wound could you most identify with? Why?
3. If you could ask your Dad for one thing and get it, what would it be? Explain.