🕮 Study Guide: A Father's Legacy

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:4
"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

💡 Big Idea:

A father's influence shapes hearts, homes, and generations. God calls fathers not just to provide, but to spiritually lead, guide, and reflect His heart in the home.

🧭 Introduction Reflection:

- What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "A Father's Legacy"?
- How has a father (or father figure) impacted your life?

🔑 Key Points with Reflection Questions

✅ Point 1: A Father's Influence is Unmatched

"Do not provoke your children to anger..."

Biblical Example: King Saul and Jonathan
Lesson: Harsh, inconsistent leadership can frustrate children. Godly fathers build with encouragement and stability.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some ways a father can unintentionally provoke his children?
- How can fathers create an emotionally safe and supportive environment at home?
- Share a time when positive encouragement helped shape your choices.

✅ Point 2: A Father's Role is to Shepherd the Heart

"…bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Biblical Example: Abraham (Genesis 18:19)
Lesson: Discipleship begins at home. Discipline paired with instruction nurtures growth and obedience to God.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to “bring up” a child in the Lord’s instruction?
- How does discipline differ when rooted in love and truth versus control?
- In what ways can a father disciple his children daily?

✅ Point 3: A Father’s Legacy is Forged Through Faithfulness

Legacy is not what you leave **for** your children, but what you leave **in** them.

Biblical Example: Joseph (Earthly father of Jesus)
Lesson: Silent faithfulness speaks loudly. Obedient, steady fatherhood builds generational strength.

Discussion Questions:

- What values or spiritual habits do you hope to pass on?
- How do daily decisions and presence form a lasting legacy?
- What can we learn from Joseph’s quiet obedience?

🙏 Closing Challenge

Key Thought:
Your children don’t need perfection. They need presence, prayer, and purpose.

Action Steps:

- Commit to praying regularly for your children.
- Find a moment this week to encourage or affirm them.
- Take one step toward leading spiritually in your home (e.g., a devotional, prayer time, Bible reading).

Group Prayer Focus:
Pray for fathers to be strengthened in their calling, healed in their weaknesses, and empowered by the Spirit to lead with love and integrity.