



# **Hot Potato #4:** ***“Is God A Boy, Or A Girl?”***

## INTRODUCTION – OUR BIRTH GIVING GOD

**John 16:21**  
**John 3:5-6**  
**Deuteronomy 32:18**  
**John 4:24**

We serve a \_\_\_\_\_ God with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

**Genesis 1:26-27**  
**Luke 15:8-10**

## 3 ATTRIBUTES OF THE MOTHERHEART OF GOD

1 - The motherheart of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

**Isaiah 49:13-15**

2 - The motherheart of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

**Isaiah 66:13**

3 – The motherheart of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

**1 Peter 2:2-3**  
**Hebrews 5:12-14**

CONCLUSION:  
THE MOTHERHEART OF GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ HEART.

**Luke 13:34 & Matthew 23:37**  
**John 3:17-18**

## **Home Church Questions...**

1. When the issue of “motherhood” and “mothers” comes up, what are your first emotional reactions? Why?
2. What is your gut-level reaction to the concept of God as a Mother? Why?
3. Which of the 3 qualities of God’s heart discussed above do you personally need to receive from God most in your life?
4. Read the story of the wisdom of Solomon in **1 Kings 3:16-28**.
  - a) What are your initial reactions to this story?
  - b) How would this case have been settled in a modern court? That is, what evidence would we look at if this happened today?
  - c) What, for Solomon, is the strongest evidence to test for true motherhood (**v. 26**)?
  - d) What can we learn about God’s love for us from this story?
5. The New American Standard Bible translates **1 Peter 2:3** as “**Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.**”
  - a) In what way is the Bible the milk of the Holy Spirit?
  - b) How has God used his Word to help you grow lately? Share one example.
  - c) What is one thing you can commit to do this week to help you get even more nourishment from God’s word?
6. **BONUS QUESTION (ONLY IF THERE’S TIME)...** To what extent do you think the roles of mothers and fathers are intended to be inherently different? Likewise, in what ways do you think we are merely conditioned by patriarchal cultural stereotypes?
7. **LOOKING AHEAD...** At this stage, how would you answer the question, “Are near death experiences reliable?” Do you think some people really do go to heaven and return to tell about it?

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