



## LUKE CHAPTER 15 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- Do you think it is easy or difficult for our world and society to categorize and label people today? Why?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (Luke 15:1-32)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Luke 15:1-10**

- In Jesus' day, it is important to note that the religious leaders typically divided people into two categories, the unclean and the righteous and they always put themselves in the category of the righteous.
  - How does the world typically categorize and label people? Why?
  - How do you categorize and label people? Why?

- What is dangerous about doing this?
  - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- What is interesting about how both the Pharisees and the tax collectors and sinners respond to Jesus? Which group can you most relate to?
  - The tax collectors and sinners actually came near to hear Jesus. The religious leaders were too busy complaining about they thought should be happening. The second part of this question is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice that the emphasis in these first two parables is on how the shepherd and the woman search for what has been lost. What does this indicate about the heart of the searcher, who is Jesus? What should this lead Jesus followers to do?
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### **Luke 15:11-32**

- Notice what the son says in verse 18 about arising and going to his father. Why is this a significant statement?
  - The son is not indicating that he is going back to a set a of beliefs, values, or doctrines first and foremost. He knows that he needs to return to his father before anything else.
    - What should this say to us as Jesus followers?
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- From an attitude and lifestyle perspective, where do you currently find yourself in the story of the prodigal son and why? In the place of the father? In the place of the prodigal? In the place of the older son?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?

- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

**Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. [Luke chapter 16]



## LUKE CHAPTER 15 (STUDENT)

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