

Week of November 24, 2019 Parables of Lostness

IMPORTANT NOTE for the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting contact all members of your group. If anyone was absent last week, send a copy of the Guide for this week. **You also must complete a Guide.**

Take time to pray for each member of your group. How have you seen them grow this year?

Encourage your group to spend time on the scripture passage, **Luke 15:1-32** and to respond to the questions from the Guide BEFORE the meeting time. The memory verse for this week is Luke 15:10. Encourage your group to review all their previous verses.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- At the last gathering we talked about what we are working on as a disciple. Are there any more thoughts on that?
- How did your relational investments go this week? Where do you need help?

Go over the last weeks' and this week's memory verse: Luke 4:8, 4:31-32, 4:43, 5:10b-11, 5:12-13, 5:24, 5:32, 6:5, 6:12 6:20-21, 6:27-28, 6:37, 6:45, 7:9, 7:14-15, 7:47-48, 8:15, 8:16, 8:21, 8:25, 8:38-39, 8:49-50, 9:23-24, 9:35, 9:44, 9:48, 9:62, 10:2, 10:20, 10:41-42, 11:9-10, 11:23, 12:4-5, 12:15, 12:47-48, 12:57, 13:3, 13:29-30, 14:11, 14:23, 14:26-27, 15:10. (Pick random verses to review.)

Our passage for this week is Luke 15:1-32.

Ask someone to read Luke 15:1-32. OPTION: You may ask someone to memorize the passage/story to share. Since there are three parables you might ask three different people to learn a parable. If so, you can also ask the group to rebuild the story and then have someone read the passage.

Ask the group to share their responses to the following:

- How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?
- According to verses 1 and 2, what is the context for these parables?
- What is God's relationship with lost people?
- What is your relationship with lost people?
- Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do? What will you do this week?

Ask someone to summarize or retell the passage. Go over the memory verse for the day. Encourage them to keep reviewing the verses.

Hand out Guides for next week's passage. Luke 16:1-15. Priorities and Discernment

Close in Prayer.



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Guide

During the week prior to your group meeting, spend some time studying the assigned passage: Luke 15:1-32. How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?

According to verses 1 and 2, what is the context for these parables?

What is God's relationship with lost people?

What is your relationship with lost people?

Is there someone you know now who you could invite to be part of the family of Jesus? Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

The memory verse for this week is Luke 15:10. Write your verse out here in the version you are memorizing. Review past verses.

Remember to take this guide with you to the group meeting.