

Week of February 14th, 2021 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
Rejoicing (Lost Son) | Luke 15:11-31

Overview

I was once lost, but now I am found! Like the father of the prodigal son, God graciously accepts those who repent from their sin and seek forgiveness. When one person repents and seeks after God, heaven explodes with celebration and rejoicing!

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: Have you ever gotten lost? (ex. while driving, hiking, traveling)

Ohana Time! (this is an opportunity to be creative and to try out new things as an Ohana Group! Feel free to include children): Play hide and seek!

BIBLE: Read 15:11-31

1. Imagine yourself as one of the characters from the parable and retell the parable from their point of view. What new insights can you gain regarding the parable?
2. Who do you most relate to the parable? One of the brothers? The father?
3. Why does the older brother not celebrate the return of the younger brother? Who does the younger brother represent in this parable?
4. How does the parable of the Lost Son relate to the preceding two parables? How do the parables of Luke 15 answer the Pharisee's objection in 15:2?
5. How did the lost son exhibit repentance to the father when he returns home?
6. How could the father have responded to his disobedient son? How did the father respond in the parable to everybody's surprise?
7. What does this parable teach about sin, repentance, and God's gracious love?

APPLICATION

1. Have you ever strayed from God? Sometimes God puts us in helpless situations to help us come to the realization that we desperately need Him. How did God bring you back? How have you experienced God's gracious and forgiving love recently?
2. Repentance (admitting fault, sin and turning away from sin) is hard, but is essential to our faith. What role does repentance have in your relationship with God? Pray the "CPR" prayer to resuscitate your soul!
 - Confession: "I'm a sinner, and I'm sorry"
 - Prayer: "Deliver me from temptation and evil"
 - Repent: "I forsake my sin and commit to walking in obedience to Christ."
3. Have there been times in your life when you have been like the older brother (or the Pharisees) - quietly resentful of God's blessing to "less deserving people?" Why? Rejoicing

PRAYER

1. Thank God for sending His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, who died for your sin, the source of our forgiveness.
2. Pray the CPR prayer every day this week.
3. Pray for a spirit and attitude of abounding joy this week!

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