

Life Group Discussion Guide

LIGHTNING BUGS

Luke 15

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INTRODUCTION

Many of us at one time or another have wandered far from home, far from our father and far from our true calling. We recklessly pursued the pleasures of this world. But when the emptiness of it all sinks in, we find ourselves completely alone at the end of a dead-end street. Without options, we swallow our pride and prepare our hearts to go back to our Father's house. Our heavenly Father's love for us is beyond measure. When we are far from home, He eagerly awaits and longs for our return. And while we are still far from His doorstep, He rushes across the lawn to meet us, embrace us and walk with us the rest of the way home.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Did you ever catch lightning bugs as a kid? Is there a place you associate with it? Who helped you catch your first one?
2. Have you ever lost something really valuable to you? Did you ever find it? Tell the group about it.

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Luke 15 if time allows. What is the overarching theme of these three parables—lost sheep, lost coin and lost son? What is the attitude of the shepherd, the woman and the father when the sheep, the coin and the son are back with them?
2. Why does the shepherd leave 99 sheep to look for the one that is missing? Why take the risk?
3. In the third parable (the lost son), who do these fictitious characters represent in real life? What truth did Jesus use these individuals to teach those who heard these parables and all of us who read about them today?
4. Why prevented the older brother from attending the party? Why is his attitude so different from the father's attitude?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Which character in these parables do you relate to the most? Why?
2. How do these three parables shape your attitude toward those who aren't Christ followers?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Having spent considerable time with good people, I can understand why Jesus liked to be with tax-collectors and sinners."

- Mark Twain



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