

Life Group Discussion Guide

A LOVESICK FATHER

Luke 15:11-32

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FIFTEEN

INTRODUCTION

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way..." (Isaiah 53:6)
God is waiting for us to repent and come to him. He will not give up on us or shut us out. His love is so great that he will welcome us back and forgive us. The grace and love our God shows us is illustrated in "The Prodigal Son" where Jesus paints a picture of a loving father who openly and happily welcomed his wayward son back into his home. He never stopped longing for his son and never gave up hope that he would return. Aren't we fortunate that we worship a God who won't give up on us?

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Have you ever made a mistake and had to return to someone and ask for forgiveness? Tell the group about it.
2. Why is asking for forgiveness so difficult?

EVALUATE IT

1. What stages does the boy go through? What causes him to come to his senses? What was his attitude like when he returns to his father?
2. Do you think the father understood what was likely to happen when he gave the younger son his inheritance? Why do you think he did it?
3. The father saw the son returning while he was still a long way off. Do you think this was by chance? How does the father treat the son on his return? What is the father's primary attitude toward his son?
4. Why does the older brother respond to the return of his brother the way he does? What fuels his behavior?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose to tell this story? What is the main point of this story?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What does this story teach you about your Heavenly Father?
2. What did the actions of the younger brother teach you? How about the older brother?



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