

# Life Group Discussion Guide

*A RECKLESS FATHER*

*Luke 15:11-32*

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# FIFTEEN

## INTRODUCTION

Have you ever watched a child learning to walk? In their attempt to conquer this new skill, they fall down frequently. Sometimes they're near a chair and pull themselves back up. Some children grow tired of the struggle and stay seated on the floor. Usually, there is a parent nearby who will reach down and help them stand and walk again.

God looks down on us, His children, as we stumble and fall into sin. Sometimes we struggle to overcome our sin. Wouldn't it be simpler, easier if we allowed God to help us stand again in His love?

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Have you ever used the phrase, "The prodigal son returns," or some version of that? In your mind before listening to Stuart's message, how would you have defined prodigal?
2. Have you ever been recklessly extravagant? How did it turn out? What brought you to your senses?

## EVALUATE IT

1. Stuart said, "I'll assume your brain works like mine and we have this opinion that we can be reckless but we know where the line is for too reckless. But do we? Are we sure?" Answer Stuart's question. Do people have a "too reckless line" they stay on the edge of?
2. What do you think it felt like to be so hungry that pig slop looked appealing and then realize those who serve your father are eating way better than you? Humbling, frustrating, defeating, etc.?
3. Stuart said, "Some people get talked into the idea that Christianity and following Jesus means giving up on fun and turning into a boring person." Why would people think being a Christ follower equals boring and no fun?
4. Who was more reckless in this story, the son with the money his father gave him or the father with the grace and forgiveness he gave his son? Why?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Do you believe God is as recklessly forgiving with you as the father was with his son in this story? Why or why not?
2. How does this story challenge your understanding of forgiveness and grace?



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