



Lost and Found, Part 2
Luke 15:11-32

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Message-based Small Group Lesson

Overview

This well-loved parable of Jesus contains treachery, debauchery, hope, and redemption. But what was Jesus trying to teach through this remarkable story and its' classic plot? Like the parables of the lost sheep and coin, Jesus told this story in response to critics who were accusing him of spending time with the "wrong" people. Jesus continues to weave these tales to teach that he cares deeply for the lost and that their redemption is cause for great joy in the heavens and on the earth.

Engaging with each other

1. What is your place in the birth-order of your family and how many are in your family?
2. How old were you when you left home?

Engaging with the Bible: read Luke 14:25-33

1. What title would you give this story?
2. When you read the story which of the two sons do you most identify with?
3. In what ways can you relate to the experiences of the younger son?
4. Have you ever felt like the older son; for example, when you see someone living far from God in their ways and are seemingly being rewarded? Why could this be a faulty perspective?

5. Reread Luke 15:2. How does the attitude of the older brother compare to the Pharisees and teachers of the law?
6. What strikes you as most remarkable about the father's actions? Why?
7. Which of the qualities of the father in the story do you...
have:

need to have:

Engaging with our lives

1. What might this story teach us about how we view others?
2. If Jesus were to throw a celebration for the "lost" here at VCC, would you go to it? How would you feel about being there?
3. What is the personal lesson for you in this parable?
4. In terms of our Spiritual Growth Pathway, what is the next step you need to take on your spiritual journey?

Connect:

Engage:

Serve:

Multiply:
5. What specific action will you take this next week?