



Prodigal Son: Lost | August 31, 2016

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Even with all the right tools we can still find ourselves a bit lost. The good news is we are never too far lost to be able to course correct toward God...our desired destination.

Key Verse

Luke 15:17 (MSG)

That brought him to his senses.

Discussion

We can all relate to being lost on a road trip, turning the wrong way down a one-way street, or having to detour as a result of construction. All are examples of things that get in the way of our preferred destination.

1. Describe a time when you have been physically lost.

Most of the time when we are physically lost we are well aware of it. Sometimes we don't want to admit it, and we act as if we can figure it out on our own. When it comes to our faith, we may not always realize we are lost; we sometimes struggle to admit we have drifted from God, and we typically try to figure it out on our own. There are even times when we don't necessarily feel lost, but we look around and begin to realize we aren't where we want to be.

2. Describe a time when you were feeling a bit lost in your faith or at the very least when you felt you were not where you wanted to be.
3. If you could describe your faith life as if it were perfectly on course, what would that look like?

In Luke 15:17, the younger son came to his senses when he realized he was so far from his father. Sitting with pigs wanting to eat their slop was what caused him to assess where he was. Thankfully we don't all need to be at rock bottom to assess where we are and where we would like to be.

4. What have historically been moments of reflection that have helped you assess where you are in regards to your relationship with God?
5. What things do you find useful in staying on course with God?

What's Next?

This first week of the Prodigal Son series is fairly simple. If we use the lost metaphor, we need to determine our current location and our desired destination. This week take time to assess where you are in life and spiritually. How close to God are you? What detours, roadblocks, wrong turns keep you from being on track? If the desired destination is God or being closer to God, what do you need to adjust to get closer to Him?