

## Student Takeover: Defining Moments

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### Reflect

For most of us, there is a point in time that we can look back on and remember its impact on our life, either for the good or the bad. Often times, these defining moments will change the trajectory of our lives. Share some of these experiences from your life with your group.

1. If you want to know what water is, don't ask a fish.

Culture tends to shape us most deeply by what it presents as normal.

Read Romans 12:2 and discuss your answers to the two questions that Pastor Jon asked us to consider.

Is culture shaping your understanding of faith, or is faith shaping your understanding of culture.

2. The enemy comes after us in our infancy because he's scared of what we could be in our maturity.

Read Luke 15 and reflect on our own "defining moments" focusing on times where you acted more like the prodigal than a beloved child of God.

Discuss the progression of the prodigal's plans and their effects, found in Luke chapter 15. Pastor Jon referred to them as:

- a. Plan "A". The death wish
- b. Plan "B". Not willing to forfeit pride
- c. Plan "C". The face-saving plan

3. The Father's Actions are very counter cultural.

The Father's actions were very different than what would have been the norm in their culture. His watchful eye and all out run to his son would have had profound impact on all those who were watching.

- a. Think about and discuss how God's love reflected in this father's heart, has changed the trajectory of your life.
- b. How is God's love counter cultural in our present day lives?

*The God who formed you, knows how to restore you.*

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Believing the love that God has for you and responding to Him in faith, is the most important decision you can make it. Its life's most defining moment. Pastor Jon shared this thought:

"Our love needs to make coming easy, leaving hard and coming back even easier". As you reflect on these things, pray that God would give you a fresh vision of His loving heart for you as well as his desire to live out this love to the broken world around us.