

Small Group Questions: It's Not Over: Come Home

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Read

Luke 15:11-20

Reflect

We were born to connect with our creator, but at times, it feels like God is distant. Pastor Josh Surratt discusses the desire in our hearts to reconnect with God, and how we can come home to our heavenly Father.

WHY DO WE LEAVE HOME?

1. **TO BE FREE**

- a. How have you relied on God to free you from circumstances? How have you relied on yourself?
- b. Describe a time where you were freed from your situation, but it only left you more enslaved than ever?

2. **WE WANT TO CASH IN NOW**

- a. In Genesis 25, Esau traded his inheritance birthright when he satisfied his hunger with a bowl of Jacob's soup. What have you given up to receive an immediate benefit? Was it worth it?
- b. How has "cashing in now" helped or hurt a specific situation in your life?
- c. Why do you think it's in our nature to want to escape, rather than persevere through our circumstances?

3. **ANOTHER HOME LOOKS BETTER THAN OURS**

- a. Why does comparing ourselves with others cause a disconnect between us and God?
- b. How can we take our jealousy of others, and turn it into trusting God's plans for our own lives?

HOW DO I GET BACK?

1. **AWAKENING**

- a. In Luke 15:14-17, the prodigal son hit rock bottom while feeding pigs. How can you relate to a time where you realized that humbling yourself could make your situation better?
- b. How can admitting that you have sinned bring healing and hope?

2. **HONESTY**

- a. Who do you need to be honest with to begin the connection process between you and God?
- b. Why do you think we fear being honest with God to restore our relationship with him?

3. **ACTION**

- a. The prodigal son turned away from his selfishness, and went home to his father. What motivation do you need to take action on reconnecting with God?
- b. What might it look like for you to turn toward something better, rather than running from your problems?

Respond:

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?