

*Sermon Questions for Life Groups*

**MISSION REFOCUS**

***The Heart of the Father, Part II – Luke 15***

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions  
or family or personal devotions*

1. Think of something of great value that you lost in the past, how you felt while it was missing and your reaction when you found it. Consider what the father must have lost when his son was ‘missing’.
2. What does this parable teach about our Father’s concern for us before we were ‘found’ and what the Kingdom ‘gained’ when we were united with Him?
3. Consider the older son’s expressed rights in the father’s household (vs. 25-30). How do we attempt to earn the right to be included in God’s family? How is that working for you?
4. Review the two kinds of sinners: Law-breaking and Law-keeping. The Scribes and Pharisees are known to have developed 631 laws to complement the Law of Moses. What expectations do you/we have of believers that are outside of scripture?
5. Review the father’s scandalous response to his son’s return. How would that response have affected the older son’s feelings for his father? What are various negative responses that we could have when we hear of a wayward person’s salvation or “recommitment.” Consider various Scripture (eg. Isaiah 64:6, Rom. 3:10, Matt. 7:3-5, etc).– how are these responses sin?
6. What were the Pharisees meant to learn from this episode (vs. 25-32)? What are we meant to learn?
7. What does this parable teach about our mission?