

Jesus Stories
This week's reading: Luke 15
Discussion Guide: January 26, 2025

CHECK UP:

Memory Work: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21

Did you plant any seeds this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK: Luke 15

- Who was the crowd that Jesus was speaking to in this parable?
- How and why did the religious leaders miss the point of what Jesus was all about?
- How do people "get lost"?
- What is repentance?
 - o How do you think the religious leaders and Jesus would have understood repentance differently?
- What impact does "rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents" impact you?
- What do we learn about God from these parables?

APPLY:

- How have you been like the prodigal son?
- When have you been like the older brother?
 - o How can you guard yourself against feeling resentment when God shows mercy to people you think don't deserve it?
- How have you experienced the forgiving love of the Father?
- How do you need to more reflect the heart of the Father?
- NEXT STEP: What is one way you can live a life after God's heart this week?

Memory Work:

I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- Luke 15:10

Next Week's Reading:

Matthew 18:21-35