

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. **Share your name and answer one the following questions:**
 - **What was your first job?**
 - What is one food you have a hard time resisting while shopping at the mall?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **What questions or challenges did Sunday's message raise for you?**
3. Drew shared the father's response to his lost son was to give grace and throw a party.
 - What would it look like for Christian's to follow that example today?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – *ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. If meeting online, consider sharing these passages on your screen to review them together.*

4. **Read Luke 15:1-10.**
 - **Read this summary: "In verses 1-10 we see people pursuing a lost sheep and a lost coin, and yet in verses 11-32 no one pursues the lost son."**
 - **What do you make of this contrast between pursuing and not pursuing what was lost?**
 - What keeps Christian's from pursuing those who are lost in sinful life choices?
5. **Read Luke 15:7 & 28-32.**
 - **Read this summary, "These verses contrast heaven rejoicing and the older brother grumbling."**
 - **What ways do we see these differing responses in churches today?**
 - Where do you find yourself responding like the older brother?
 - **What do you think of the father's response to the older brother?**
6. Romans 5:8.
 - Read this summary, "Christ paid the ultimate cost to bring sinners to Himself. Drew shared that like Jesus, the older brother should have sacrificed to pursue his younger brother."
 - What are some costs Christian's may need to pay to reach those who are far from God?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. **Drew challenged us to live in gratitude for the forgiveness we are offered everyday.**
 - **What is something you can do this week to grow in thankfulness to God for His forgiveness?**