

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of July 3-9, 2022

## "LOST & FOUND"

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you ever thought of or actually run away from home? What were the things that went through your mind?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Luke 15:11-32.

1. What did the younger son ask of his father? Why do you think the son was so eager to leave? In your own interpretation, define the word "Prodigal." What makes one a prodigal person?
2. Do you see yourself in any of the characters in the story? Which one(s)? Why? What does that tell you about yourself? How comfortable or uncomfortable are you with that? Why?
3. Compare the attitudes of the older and younger son. Compare the response of the father to each son. What does this teach us about God and how he responds to us?
4. What do you think is God's reaction to our mistakes, failures, and times of rebellion? Does this mean that God condones sin? How does knowing that God seeks, saves and forgives sinners give us comfort and confidence in him?
5. The prodigal son was given the right to be his father's son once again despite his bad decisions. Share a time when you were given a second chance. Do you think you deserved it? Why or why not? Is God's grace a license for us to sin?
6. The sermon reminds us that the only way for us to be set free from being slaves of sin is to be honest with God. Why is this important? How often do you share your burdens and confess your sins to the Lord?

7. Are you harboring any unforgiveness in your heart towards anyone? What joys are you missing out on because of it? What do you think is the Scriptural thing to do? (see Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 12:16-18; Matthew 5:9.)

### 8. NEXT STEPS

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

- ☐ I will open my heart to God, confess my sins and share my burdens to him who saves and forgives.
- ☐ I will remember that just like the prodigal son, I am God's precious child, always welcome to go come back home.
- ☐ I will not harbour unforgiveness but will seek to be at peace with others.
- ☐ I will do my best to share God's truth of love and healing, and reach out to my friends and loved ones.

*Don't forget to:*

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- ☐ Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a repentant heart that is willing to be honest to God.
- Pray for forgiveness of sins, reconciliation, healing and hope for those who are having conflicts.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

July 4 Ephesians 4:30-32  
July 5 Psalms 32  
July 6 Genesis 33:1-11  
July 7 Matthew 6:19-21  
July 8 Luke 6:37-42  
July 9 Hebrews 12:18-25  
July 10 Matthew 2:1-12