

Questions for Lifegroup Discussion

God's Heart for the Lost – Luke 15

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

1. When Christians hear of sin in other people, what kinds of reactions do we instinctively have? Why is that?
2. If your unbelieving friends or neighbours were to think of Christianity, what would their impression be? Why is that?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

3. **Read Luke 15.** How do vv1-2 set the scene for the teaching that will follow?
4. Here are three parables of lost-ness. How would you explain the concept of being lost to someone from a non-church background?
5. Why do you think Jesus told three parables? What is similar between the parables? What does each parable uniquely add to the overall message of Luke 15?
6. It's hard to miss the emphasis in Luke 15 on joy (cf. vv5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 23, 24, 29, 32). Why is that such good news (and perhaps counter what many of our friends and neighbours think about Christianity)?

PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER

7. What difference would it make if God were a grudging, reluctant saviour to a) your relationship with him; b) your personal witness; c) your approach to church life?
8. Now remember the God who is there. What difference should that make?
9. Spend some time in prayers of praise for the God who is there.

