DISCUSSION GUIDE

PARABLES OF THE LOST...

LUKE 15

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



- 1. Who were the two groups of people that were listening to Jesus tell this story?
- 2. What are the three things that were "lost" in the stories Jesus told?
- 3. Why did the shepherd, the woman, and the Father keep looking for the things they had lost?
- 4. Even though the younger son had wasted all his money, why wasn't the father mad when the son came home?
- 5. If Jesus is like the father, how does Jesus feel about you when you mess up, or even disobey him? How does he feel when you start to obey and follow him again?
- 6. Is there anyone that you know who doesn't know Jesus yet? How does Jesus feel about them? What are you doing to help that person be found by Jesus?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



- 1. Who are the different characters in the story?
- 2. Which character sticks out to you and why?
- 3. What do these stories teach us about God's heart?
- 4. This week, spend some time in prayer asking God to reveal his heart to you in a new way.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS

- 1. Exactly what did the younger brother fail to understand?
- 2. Does the older brother enjoy working for his father? Why or why not?
- 3. Why does the older brother feel his father should love him more than his brother?
- 4. Exactly what did the older brother fail to understand?
- 5. Why did Jesus tell the parable? (Hint: What exactly was happening right before Jesus told the parable?)