



# *YOU* *BELONG*

THE GREAT INVITATION OF THE GOSPEL

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**





## **Week 1**

**Text:** Luke 15:11–24

**Topics:** Prodigal Son, Sin, Redemption

**Big Idea of the Message:** No matter what you have done or left undone, the Father is ready to welcome you home.

**Application Point:** Do you believe your sins can keep God from having a relationship with you? If so, visualize God the Father looking for you and running to you.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. This story can seem too familiar at times. The series breaks it down into several messages. As a group, it's probably a good idea to read through this story in its entirety at both this meeting and next meeting. After reading it, discuss anything that stood out or any questions that arose.
3. Describe the actions of the father in this story. If you were hearing them for the first time, would they surprise you? Why or why not?
4. Describe the actions of the younger brother. If you were hearing them for the first time, would they surprise you? Why or why not? Do you relate to the younger brother at all? If so, why?
5. How does the forgiveness of Jesus comfort you?
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 2**

**Text:** Luke 15:25–32

**Topics:** Legalism

**Big Idea of the Message:** It is possible to grow up in the church and attend every Sunday but never feel welcome or at home there.

**Application Point:** Being lost isn't about where you are or what you have done but about who you know: Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Please read through this story in its entirety and discuss it again. After having heard two messages on it, what is new, surprising, or still unresolved?
3. Why do you think someone can be lost even if they grew up in the church?
4. How is it possible to "not get it" when you're "surrounded by it" all the time?
5. Does the elder brother remind you of yourself? If so, why?
6. What do you think of the Father's response to the elder brother at the end of this story?
7. How can we pray for you?



### **Week 3**

**Text:** Luke 23:32–43

**Topics:** Outliers, Paradise

**Big Idea of the Message:** Jesus is ready to welcome anyone at any time.

**Application Point:** What outliers are in your life whom you regularly pray for? What can you do to help point them to Jesus?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. The account of the thief on the cross can be a moving story, but also surprising or even disturbing. What about it surprises you?
3. What acts of faith did the thief do? Or did he do anything faithful at all?
4. Who are the outliers in your life whom you are praying for? Does this story give you any encouragement?
5. Why do you think the Holy Spirit prompted Luke to record this story?
6. How can we pray for you?



#### **Week 4**

**Text:** Ephesians 2:1–10

**Topics:** Evangelism, Outreach

**Big Idea of the Message:** God loves you and wants you to tell others about his love.

**Application Point:** What has God's love compelled you to go out into the world and do?

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What can we do as a group to make sure people feel they belong at church?
3. What can the church do to help make sure people know they belong and are welcome?
4. What has God done for you personally to make you feel like you belong in the household of faith?
5. Why do you think God's heart is to bring people into his kingdom?
6. Have you ever had a positive experience that compelled action on your part? If so, please share about it.
7. How can we pray for you?