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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life  
Luke 15:1-32, May 26 & 29, 2022

Prayer Requests:

**Group Discussion:** Did you ever lose something significant as a child, your bike was stolen or something else significant? How did you respond and did your parents get involved?

### **Read out loud: Luke 15:1-32**

What I learn about grace from this parable:

1. God loves to rejoice with me! Did you notice how in each of the three stories the lead character rejoices? Yet in comparison, there's more rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents. If we're trying to become like Jesus we have to ask ourselves, "Do I love sinners as deeply and compassionately as Jesus loves sinners?" How do you feel about the statement, "Love the sinner and hate the sin?" Is there someone in your life right now that you've adopted to love because they're a sinner? Is our inclination more, "Hate the sin and distance yourself from the sinner."
2. God rejoices when I return because:
  - Repentance means I come to my senses. Do you think of repentance as a one time event that occurs when you accept Christ or as an ongoing lifestyle for spiritual growth? Why did God make repentance helpful to us for spiritual growth? What are the benefits of repentance?
  - Confession means I come clean. Do you ever take time on some kind of regular basis to confess your sin to God and ask for His forgiveness? Do you experience a sense of freedom from guilt that God wants you to experience?
  - Faith in Jesus means I come home. Did you grow up in a family where your mom and dad welcomed each other, and their children, when they arrived home? What positive or negative impression did that make on you?
3. God wants, not a sheep, nor a coin nor a slave, but you as His child! Review the ways a sheep was valuable to a shepherd. Discuss what did the coin meant to the woman. Finally how does a father feel about his son?

Family Time: Take a \$20.00 bill and hide it somewhere in your home. Read Luke 15:8-10 about the lost coin to your kids. Tell them that you'll take them to get ice cream, or whatever their favorite is, if they can find enough money in the house to pay for it. The SEARCH is ON!!!!