



# **PRODIGAL GOD**

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## **Discussion Guide**

# **14-WEEK STUDY**

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## **WEEK 7**

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Luke 13:1-9, 10-17, 22-30; 14:15-24, 25-33



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### WEEKLY READING

**Primary text from this week:** Luke 13:1-9, 10-17, 22-30; 14:15-24, 25-33

### GETTING STARTED

**Goals this week:** To better understand the fullness of who Jesus is

**Missed the sermon?** Watch it at [www.youtube.com/venturamissionary](http://www.youtube.com/venturamissionary)

**Break the Ice:** What is your favorite type of fruit? What do you like about it? What are some ways you eat it?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you read **Luke 13-14** last week? What was something that encouraged or challenged you from what you read? Discuss something that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon.
2. Pastor Doug used some surprising and unusual words to describe Jesus' ministry and teaching, including *harsh*, *confrontational*, *demanding*, and even *divisive*. When you think about the passages we studied, do you agree with those descriptions? Why or why not?
3. Bible scholar Darrell L. Bock says in his commentary on Luke, "The contemporary portrait of Jesus is skewed. Our culture tends to see Him as a man who did not engage in confrontation or talk about judgement." After reading Luke 13-14, do you think the portrait of Jesus that Bock describes is accurate or not? Share examples from this week's passages that do or do not support your opinion.
4. In **Luke 13:6-9**, Jesus tells a short parable about a fig tree that isn't bearing fruit. Read **Matthew 3:7-10** and compare John the Baptist's words with Jesus' parable. What similarities and differences do you notice? What kind of fruit do you think Jesus expects to see in the lives of His disciples?
5. In **Luke 13:34**, Jesus compares Himself with a mother hen that protects her chicks under her wings. Read the following verses and discuss what they tell us about God's compassionate care towards His people: **Psalms 5:11; Psalm 17:8; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 25:20; Psalm 36:7; Psalm 57:1; Psalm 91:4.**
6. Skim chapters 1-14 in Luke's Gospel. How many times were Jesus and the Pharisees in conflict about doing good on the Sabbath? What was the truth Jesus was teaching through each encounter?
7. In Jesus' parable in **Luke 14:16-24**, each of the people invited to the banquet refused the invitation and offer excuses instead. What excuses do you find yourself giving for not obeying God?
8. In **Luke 14:25-33**, Jesus sets a high standard for His disciples. Does reading this passage about the high cost of discipleship encourage and excite you, or does it discourage and frustrate you? Explain.
9. In Jesus' parable of the great banquet in **Luke 14:16-24**, the host instructs his servant to invite specific groups of people after his original guests refused to come. Read the list in **Luke 14:21**. What do you think that list tells us about the kinds of people God invites into His kingdom? What does that mean for people like you and me?

