



PRODIGAL GOD

Discussion Guide

14-WEEK STUDY

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEEK 4

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Luke 4:14-30; 5:12-32



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 4:14-30; 5:12-32

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To better understand Jesus' ministry to outsiders

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Share a story of a time you felt like an outsider.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you read **Luke 5:12-6:49** last week? What stood out to you as you read?
2. Share something from Sunday's sermon that stood out to you.
3. On Sunday Pastor Doug pointed out that one of the primary themes of Jesus' ministry (especially as described in Luke's Gospel) is His ministry to outsiders, specifically (1) the poor and the oppressed, (2) sinners and tax collectors, (3) Samaritans and other non-Jewish Gentiles, and (4) women. Flip through Luke and talk about other examples you find of Jesus' ministry to these marginalized groups.
4. Pastor Doug asked us some provocative questions on Sunday, including, "Do you have friends who aren't like you?" and , "When was the last time you shared the good news of Jesus with someone?" Discuss those questions as a group.
5. Have the group read **Luke 7:36-50**. Why do you think we tend to forget that we've been "forgiven much?" What can we do to keep our hearts more like the woman's and less like Simon the Pharisee's?
6. Have the group read: (1) **Luke 4:42**, (2) **Luke 5:16**, and (3) **Luke 6:12**. What common theme do you notice? What do you think this theme has to do with the theme of Jesus ministering to outsiders?
7. Christians have a bad reputation for being judgmental and critical towards people who are not Christians and therefore don't live like Christians. Whether you agree with that assessment or not, what do you think Christians should say—or not say—about repentance when talking to others about Jesus?
8. Before you close and pray for each other, have the group sing the first verse of Amazing Grace as a reminder that we were all outsiders before Jesus invited us in and changed us from the inside out.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind but now I see.



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PRAYER

Pray for each other: Pray for each other and any specific needs.

Pray for yourself: Pray and ask God to give you an opportunity to invite an outsider in this week. Pray also for an opportunity to share your faith with someone this week.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/ classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READING

Week 5—February 20-26 (Luke 7:1-10:42)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Luke 7:1-35	Luke 7:36-50	Luke 8:1-21	Luke 8:22-56	Luke 9:1-62	Luke 10:1-42

NOTES
