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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 3 | Don't Miss The Party

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1. Joel opened this message by talking about *The Gravitron* ride at Funland and his Shell We Bounce experience. Have you ever ridden *The Gravitron* & if so, what was that experience like? Would you still ride *The Gravitron* now?
2. This message was called *Don't Miss The Party* & Joel said that Jesus Followers should lead the way in celebrating & partying when Jesus makes positive changes in peoples lives. What are some examples of what life change that we can celebrate in other people & also how sometimes Jesus followers don't celebrate that life change?
3. Read Luke 15:24b-25. What happened that made the father throw a party in the house? Where was the older brother during the party?
4. Read Luke 15:25 & 27. When you *hear* music & dancing, how big of a party is that? What do you think it communicates about what's valuable to God that He'd throw that level of a party for the younger brothers return home?
5. Read Luke 15:28a. In this message, Joel said, *when we can't celebrate other peoples life change, we miss out on what God has for us*. What did the older brother miss out on & how does that happen in the church world sometimes?
6. Joel said, *if you're more worried about what someone is wearing TO church, then happy that someone is IN church...you're the 1st one that needs to be at the altar*. How important is it for Jesus Followers to celebrate every positive step someone else is making in their faith?
7. From the story of the prodigal son, we learn that *Jesus loves the rebellious & Jesus loves the religious. His grace is big enough for both*. Read Luke 15:28b & discuss how the father showed grace for both sons & how God shows grace for all of us.
8. Read Luke 15:29-30. Sometimes when it comes to *our* sin, we're a defense attorney but when it comes to *someone else's* sin, we're a judge. How does that approach differ from how the father approached both of his sons.
9. Read Luke 15:31-32. Why does the father said he *had to celebrate*? What should we do every single time Jesus changes peoples lives?