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ALL IN THE FAMILY

WE ARE ONE SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

We Are One is a family series. We don't want to have record breaking years externally, but internally in our houses, our families are breaking down. We want to have a breakthrough year in every aspect of our households.

There are principles that go along with walking out as a Kingdom citizen as God teaches us how to deal with relationships. They are the equity of the Kingdom of God and relationships matter. There are many scriptures in the Bible that teach us how to deal with and get along with one another. We are the Body of Christ and *we are one*.

THIS WILL BE YOUR RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

A RECIPE FOR RELATIONSHIPS

*Colossians 3:13 CEB - "Be **tolerant** with each other and, if someone has a **complaint** against anyone, **forgive** each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other."*

- The Scripture gives us principles and teaches us how to behave in relationships:
 - Have tolerance for others
 - Know how to handle complaints
 - Learn to forgive

Luke 15 is known as the lost chapter because three parables are told at one time about something lost but valuable being found:

1. Lost sheep
2. Lost coin
3. **Lost son**

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GIVE ME

Luke 15:12 NIV - give me my share of the estate

- Some people in the family have a spirit of entitlement. They are takers that don't contribute.

WHERE YOU AT NOW?

Luke 15:13 NIV - he set off for a distant country

- These are distant people. They don't always show up or connect.

CRAY CRAY

Luke 15:15, 17 NIV - with the pigs (when he came to his senses)

- Some people have a crazy moment. They act out of character like they weren't raised in the same house.

QUIET ONE

Luke 15:31 NIV - you are always with me and everything is yours

- They don't say much - just watch what's happening. They hold it all inside and then blow up in a moment.

COMPARISON

Luke 15:29 NIV - you never gave me a young goat

- Comparison is messy and the thief of joy. It will make you miss what you have.

THE MAD ONE

Luke 15:28 NIV - the older brother became angry

- If you don't deal with jealousy, it can turn into anger.

STUBBORN

Luke 15:28 NIV - refused to go in

- These are people that won't budge, even when they're wrong.

SIBLING RIVALRY

Luke 15:30 NIV - But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!

- Instead of working together, they are fighting against each other.

MOMENT (RESTORATION)

Luke 15:20 NIV - so he got up and went to his father.

- Don't become so overwhelmed with the mess that you miss the restorative moment.

Based on Luke 15 and looking at everything that can occur in a family, what can you do to heal your house? How can you become more like the father in the parable?

REVIVAL WILL HIT YOUR HOUSE.

THE FATHER IS CONSISTENT COMPASSION

THE YOUNGER

Luke 15:20b NIV - "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

THE OLDER

Luke 15:28 NIV - "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him

- You must be the one to reach out, to hug or touch them. Love spreads through touch.
- Compassion can heal broken relationships.

Who in your family is God calling you to touch with a loving embrace or gesture and connect? What are some ways you can exercise compassion in your family based on their needs?

THE FATHER GAVE EACH CHILD WHAT THEY NEEDED.

COMMUNICATION

THE YOUNGER

Luke 15:22 NIV - "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'"

THE OLDER

Luke 15:31 NIV - " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.'

- The father is communicating in love.
- Don't stop communicating when things don't change.
- Sometimes people can't hear what you're saying because of the posture and attitude that you speak with.
- Life and death is in the power of the tongue. (See Proverbs 18:21)
- Learn how to bring people closer to you with your words.

How do you communicate? How do people react to your communication? How can you create safe spaces for your family and friends to communicate with each other? Is your communication creating life or death in your relationships?

TALK TO YOUR FAMILY LIKE THEY ARE WHO GOD CREATED THEM TO BE.

CELEBRATION

THE YOUNGER

Luke 15:24 NIV - For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

THE OLDER

Luke 15:32 NIV - But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

- Celebrate the small things. Nobody in the world should celebrate you more than your household. Create an atmosphere of celebration.
- Be what you didn't have growing up.

Are you intentional about celebrating wins in your family? How can you celebrate your family in difficult seasons? How can you create a culture where your family celebrates small and big victories?

YOUR CONSISTENCY CLEANS UP THE CHAOS.

1 Samuel 12:23 NIV - As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.

Psalms 1:3 NLT - They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

- When you stand as the intercessor, prayer will constantly flow through you.

GOD IS HEALING AND RESTORING YOUR HOUSE.

QUESTION

Who is God calling you to be for your family?

DECLARATION

God is releasing moments for my family to be healed and I will seize the moments!

PRAYER

Father God, I surrender my mind and my thoughts to You. Help me to heal from past wounds. Help me to forgive those who have hurt me. Show me Your perfect strength in my weakness. Strengthen my faith and my ability to trust You in every area of my life. Guide me in replacing negative thoughts, people, and even events with Your peace, joy, and love for me. As I heal, I promise to tell others of Your goodness and Your mercy. I will always recall what You have done so that I can be used as a vessel to help others In Jesus' name, Amen!