

The Father's Heart (Luke 15; Psa 116:1-2; 1 John 4:16; 1 John 3:1; 2 Cor 5:17; Heb 8:12)

Priscilla Shi reminds us that God is Our Heavenly Father, and our Father's heart is good. He will always pursue us and rejoice when He finds us, because He loves all His children.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. [ICEBREAKER] What were you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?
- 2. What do you imagine is the purpose of a parable in storytelling? How do you think the original audience related to the parables in Luke 15?
- 3. Why do you think people have a tendency to make comparisons in their lives? Why do you think someone might compare or contrast their Heavenly Father to their earthly parents, caretakers or guardians?
- 4. How might people treat those they know love them differently than others? If so, what might be the cause of this behavior? How do you imagine this relates to a person's relationship with God?
- 5. What comes to mind when we think of God as the Heavenly Father? How might that relate to one's beliefs, priorities, or passions?
- 6. HOMEWORK: Read Psalm 116:1-2. What do you need God to hear from you right now?

MOVING FORWARD

Will you remember that you are valued, worthy, and that your Heavenly Father loves you?

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."
—1 John 4:16 (NIV)