

Home Group Discussion Guide

The Importance Of The Role Of The Father – Luke 15:11-24

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Who is someone who has had a significant influence on your faith development?
 - a. What made their influence significant?
2. When you think about the role of a father, what responsibilities come to mind first?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Consider Luke 15:11-32

1. What do you notice about the father's response to his younger son, both when he leaves and when he returns?
 - a. What does this teach us about the love of God our Father?

Consider Deuteronomy 6:4-9

2. What does this passage suggest about how faith is passed on from one generation to another?
 - a. Why does the passage place so much emphasis on ordinary, everyday moments?
3. Philip emphasised that faith needs to be demonstrated as well as taught. What are some ways children, young people, or others around us learn about faith by watching our lives?

Consider Ephesians 6:1-4

4. When we consider discipline as having the goal of developing self control rather than just stopping bad behaviour – how does that change the way we consider correction/ discipline?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Who is currently watching and learning from your example?
 - a. What would you hope they are learning from the way you live?
2. Is there a specific relationship where you need to focus less on controlling the outcome and more on being a faithful influence?
3. What is the one thing God is inviting you to take away from this message?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

