

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

May 10-17, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

The 15th chapter of Luke is all about God's heart for the lost. We want God's priorities to be our priorities, but sometimes there is a resistance in our hearts similar to the attitude of the 'older brother' in the story of the Lost Son. How can we be people who easily concede our rights as the 'older brother' and partner in God's mission of welcoming the lost.

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Luke 15:11-32.

Discuss

Do you think that the father was fair to the younger brother? Explain.

Do you think that the father was fair to the older brother? Explain.

In this story the father was filled with compassion for the lost son but the older brother was not. Why?

Where did the older brother go wrong? What tainted his perspective so that he wasn't thrilled with his brothers return?

Do you think the average church's attitude toward the lost is more like the father or the older brother? Give examples to defend your conclusion.

Do you think your group's attitude toward the lost is more like the father or the older brother? Explain.

What can your group do to imitate the father's heart for the lost that you know?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.