CLARITY discussion guide *Sunday, February 16, 2020* **Epiphany:** Jesus is Seeking Luke 15:11-32

BELONG

Where are you in the birth order in your family? Growing up, were you the rebellious child or the one who kept (or even enforced) the rules? Have those family roles persisted into adulthood or are things different now?

GROW

Read Luke 15:11-32.

After reading the story, close your Bibles and, as a group, retell the story. Then open your Bibles. What did you omit? Did anyone add anything that's not actually in the text?

Why do you think the younger brother wants to leave home? What do you think the Father is feeling when his son leaves? What was your "leaving home" story like?

What caused the younger brother to change his mind (v. 17)? Have you ever had a moment like that where you came to your senses about something in your life? Share with the group.

What surprises you about the Father's response to the son's return? What surprises you about the older brother's response? Can you relate to either of these responses to the return of the brother who left?

Which character in the story do you identify with the most? What is it about his behavior/response that resonates with you?

Is there anything in your life that you need to repent from, and return home to the loving embrace of the waiting Father? What ways have you tried to earn God's love? Take some time to acknowledge those and confess them to Him. Be specific. How are you welcoming those who are lost so that they can know the love of the Father? How do you see the church embracing and welcoming those who seemed to have lost their way?

How does this passage help you see Jesus more clearly?





Connect DAILY

Sunday	Luke 15:11-32
Monday	Luke 16; Psalm 37:10-15; Proverbs 5:18-21
Tuesday	Luke 17:1-19; Psalm 37:16-24; Proverbs 5:22-23
Wednesday	Luke 17:20-37; Psalm 37:25-32; Proverbs 6:1-4
Thursday	Luke 18:1-17; Psalm 37:33-40; Proverbs 6:5-7
Friday	Luke 18:18-43; Psalm 38:1-10; Proverbs 6:8–10
Saturday	Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 38:11-15; Proverbs 6:11-13

serve

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pray

Pray for global workers, Stuart and Brooke, that they will no longer experience sickness from the winter smog in their city.