

## SERMON DISCUSSION POINTS | NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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1. Our siblings and childhood friends were present during some of our most memorable times. Identify 2-3 of those people and events and share them with your group.
2. This weekend we were introduced to some parables from Luke 15 about God's love for sinners. It seems as though we have a God who would rather rescue than punish. Discuss your reactions to this statement in light of what you learned from the sermon.
3. Re-read Luke 15:7-10. What does it tell us about heaven's response to every time an enemy of God becomes a friend of God? Are we more joyful over one new disciple of Jesus, or a church facility with every seat occupied? Discuss.
4. During the early days of the church, followers of Jesus struggled with how to handle sinners who were coming to Christ. Read Acts 15:1-29. Read 15:19 again, in multiple versions if possible. Do we too sometimes make it difficult for those who are turning to God? How?
5. Do any of these statements reflect your thoughts? Discuss.
  - "I treat lost people like the enemy."
  - "People need to clean up their lives first before coming to our church."
  - "God calls me to be holy, so I try not to associate with those who are not holy."

