

DNA GUIDE

VOICES
LEARNING FROM OTHERS

WEEK 1: THE RECKLESS LOVE OF GOD

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: LUKE 15

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. What did you learn about God's grace in these passages?
2. Why do the angels rejoice over one sinner that repents? Do you sense God's joy over repentance in your life? Why or why not?
3. Do you identify more with the older brother or the prodigal son in your life? What do you think God would say about your worst moments?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. For this week, talk about areas where you need to repent of running from God or seeking to rule your life as King. As you consider God's patience with you and his love for you expressed in Jesus turn to him in faith for forgiveness in the areas you have been living in rebellion.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. In what area(s) of your life have you been running from God? How can you turn that over to Him?
2. Who have you judged harshly that is struggling to live out what they believe? How can you celebrate their "small" steps back towards the Father?
3. Who has run from God that you can pursue? What would that look like this week?

Take time to pray for the above action items with your group and check back in next week on your progress and any new developments.

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?