

# **LifeGroup Meeting**

The Grace Given Legacy 2  
*"GAPS That Only Grace Can Fill"*

## **Get To Know You Question:**

If the Father in Luke 15 saw you "a long way off," what were you probably doing out there? Overthinking? Overcommitting? Overeating?

## **Let's Dig Deeper**

Someone read **Romans 3:23** and **Luke 15:20**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you?

1. Read Romans 3:23. How does Paul's wording shape your understanding of humanity's condition before God? In what subtle ways do we still compare ourselves to others in order to feel closer to the standard rather than wrestling with our own shortfall?
2. If sin is missing the mark that God sets, not the mark culture sets, how does that confront the modern belief that morality is personal and self-defined? What happens to the idea of accountability if everyone defines their own standard?
3. Read Luke 15:20. Why does Jesus emphasize that the son was still a long way off? What does that detail reveal about who initiates reconciliation and who actually closes the distance?
4. Many believers live as if they must close the gap through effort. How can spiritual disciplines slowly shift from gratitude-driven obedience to performance-driven earning? How can you tell when that shift has happened?
5. Read Luke 15:1-2. Why were the Pharisees and scribes disturbed by the kind of people Jesus welcomed? What does their reaction reveal about how easily religious people can confuse holiness with distance?
6. When you step back and look at the three parables in Luke 15 together, what consistent pattern do you see about who bridges the gap? What does that pattern teach you about the nature of grace?
7. Why is it often easier to spotlight someone else's gap than to sit honestly with your own? How does that tendency shape the culture and witness of the church?

8. Read John 15:4-5. If abiding in Christ is the source of fruit, how does that challenge the idea that we can manufacture spiritual growth through discipline alone?
9. Read John 12:32. If Jesus says He will draw people to Himself, what role does that leave for us? How does this truth both humble us and give us confidence in sharing our faith?
10. How can a church subtly drift into becoming a self-improvement center focused on fixing gaps instead of a grace-centered community focused on Christ? What warning signs would you look for?
11. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Why do you think God refused to remove Paul's weakness? What might that teach us about the purpose of ongoing struggle in a believer's life?
12. In 2 Corinthians 12:9, Paul says Christ's power rests on weakness. What does the word rests communicate about the relationship between grace and our limitations? How is that different from grace simply helping occasionally?
13. If weaknesses become the stage where grace is most visible, how does that reshape the way you view your own failures? What would change if you stopped hiding them and instead surrendered them?
14. If grace truly bridges the gap, how should that affect the way you respond to people who are far from God? What would change in your tone, posture, and priorities?
15. What does it look like practically to run toward someone who is still far off rather than standing at a distance and pointing out their gap? Who in your life right now might need you to move toward them with grace?
16. What did you do last week to be a blessing to someone? Share with the group. And what are you planning for this week?

Close in Prayer.