

For those who are not Christian...

What is Jesus inviting you to do?

Is this what you want to do?

For those who are Christian...

How is this story relevant for us during Orientation Week?

“I find it hard when new people come to FOCUS. I don’t know their names. I wish the group could just stay the same.” Discuss.

The unbelievable love of God



Luke’s story of Jesus

chapter 15:1–32

The story so far

Even before Jesus was born angels said that he was born to be King. As an adult, Jesus gathered a group of disciples who followed him, listened to his teaching, and saw his miracles. After experiencing all these things they concluded that Jesus truly is God's chosen King (Luke 9:20).

So Jesus was born to be King. Now he is heading to Jerusalem—the capital city, the city of the kings. As Jesus travels to Jerusalem he has much to teach his disciples about God's Kingdom.

Ice breaker

How should a good daughter or son behave towards their parents?

Jesus' parables

Read Luke 15:1–32.

Why do the Pharisees disapprove of Jesus?

Jesus responds by telling three stories, or parables. Let's look at the first two parables to begin with. (Luke 15:1–10)

What is the problem in each parable?

How does the person respond when they find what was lost in each parable?

So, what makes God rejoice?

The parable of the lost son

Now let's look at the third parable. (Luke 15:11–32)

How do you think the father felt when his youngest son wanted to leave?

How did the father respond when this son returned?

What does this teach us about God?

How does the older brother respond when his younger brother returns? Why?

Think back to the context of these stories, in 15:1–2. Who do you think the two brothers represent?

What is Jesus saying to the Pharisees?

And what is Jesus saying to the “sinners”?