



October 21st  
**HC Groups - Week 5**

What's the best party you've ever been to? (this is not a trick question)

Read [Luke 15:1-2](#). Discuss as a group who would represent the sinners and tax collectors in our society today. Are there groups of people that society marginalizes and doesn't see the need to reach out to. How could you get to know those people in order to share God's story?

Describe the attitude of the scribes and Pharisees towards the kind of people who were being converted?

Read [Luke 15:20-32](#).

How does it make you feel to know that God loves you no matter what you do?

How does it make you feel to know that God loves others no matter what they do?

In verses 29-30 the older brother started playing the comparison game. Why is it so easy for us to do the same?

The elder son represented the Pharisees. They felt no joy upon seeing restored relationships with God. Instead they were critical and focused more on their own self righteousness. How can believers today guard themselves against this attitude?

[2 Timothy 1:9](#) says "For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserve it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time - to show us His grace through Jesus Christ."

Why is it so important to remember that no matter how long we have been a believer or what we've done for the cause of Christ that we all fall under the same grace of God as someone who just turned to faith?

How does your own compassion level match your Heavenly Father's compassion towards the lost? What can you do to conform your heart to his?

How should we celebrate the repentance of sinners in ways that we are not already doing?

Think of someone you know who may be running from God (don't say any names, but think of them to yourself). Take a moment to pray that they would turn back to God.