

IT STARTS WITH ONE

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



WEEK TWO: YOUR SURRENDER

Have you ever felt like you were either running from God or judging those who do? Pastor Mike Breaux brings Jesus' famous prodigal son story to vivid life through his own lens as a father of two very different sons, revealing the heart of God in fresh, compelling ways. Through personal stories and powerful insights, he challenges us to move beyond both rebellion and self-righteousness to embrace the Father's extravagant love. Whether you identify with the wild child or the rule-keeper, this message invites you into a deeper understanding of grace and calls us to join God's rescue mission for the lost. Don't miss this transformative message that will reshape how you see God's heart and your role in His life-saving work.

Think about a time when you felt the need to return to something important in your life. What inspired you to take that step back?

In the story, Mike describes two very different sons - one rebellious and one rule-following. Which character do you most relate to and why?

- The sermon contrasts the younger son who was creative, spontaneous and rebellious with the older son who was analytical, responsible but judgmental. Both struggled in different ways with their relationship with their father.
- How has your own personality type affected your relationship with God and others in both positive and challenging ways?

Based on Luke 15:1-3, why did Jesus tell this parable, and how does that context help us understand its meaning for today?

- The religious leaders were complaining that Jesus associated with 'sinners.' He told this story in response to their judgment and disdain for those they viewed as beneath them.
- In what ways might you be acting like the Pharisees in your own life, creating categories of people you view as less worthy?

The sermon describes the church as a 'life-saving station' rather than a 'yacht club.' What's the key difference between these two approaches to church?

- Mike contrasts a yacht club mentality of comfort and exclusivity with the life-saving station's motto: 'Although we may not come back, we will always go out.'
- What specific changes would need to happen in your life if you truly embraced the 'life-saving station' mindset?

The sermon describes several different ways people can 'go after the One' - through apologetics, conversation, testimony, invitation, prayer, or hospitality. Which approach resonates most with your gifts and personality?

- Mike gives examples of different people using their unique gifts to reach others, from intellectual discussions to simple acts of service like Danny the carpenter.
- What is one practical step you could take this week to use your natural abilities to point someone toward Jesus?

How does the sermon's emphasis on tone and gentleness challenge the way we often approach sharing our faith?

- Mike uses the dog illustration to show how tone can completely override our words, stating 'No one is ARGUED into the kingdom...Sarcasm is NOT a gift of the Spirit.'
- Think of a time when someone's tone either drew you closer to or pushed you away from faith - how can that experience inform how you interact with others?