

GROUP GUIDE

NEWSRING CHURCH

THE LIFE OF JOB
PARTY TIME
WEEK 7



BIG IDEA

Throughout this series on the life of Job, we've seen how this is a story of hope because the second half of Job's life was even more blessed than the first. As we finish this series, we will see that the final key to a blessed life is about the way we view and treat others. If you want to be blessed, you need to begin to see what God sees, feel what God feels, do what God says, and celebrate like God celebrates.

GET STARTED

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

What is one thing that you once didn't like but now you do? (Think about a food, sports team, restaurant, or activity.)

What changed your mind? Did that change happen slowly, or all at once?

> WATCH THE CLIP FROM PERRY NOBLE'S MESSAGE.

We say all the time at NewSpring that the Christian life is a series of next steps. As we take each next step, Jesus changes us. Perry helped us see from the life of Job that one of the changes God brought about in Job's life involved the way he saw other people.

DISCUSS

Why does it matter that the Bible lists the name of Job's daughters in the second half of his life but not the first?

What about the inheritance? Why is it significant that these women received an inheritance?

What does this mean about the way Job treated people in the second half of his life?

> READ LUKE 15:1-10.

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What was Jesus's main point in telling these stories?

How do these stories help us see how God views people?

In his message, Perry went on to give us four things that need to happen in our lives in order to have the same view of people that God does.

1. WE MUST SEE WHAT GOD SEES. WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD SEES WHEN HE LOOKS AT THE WORLD?

How is that different than what you see right now?

What specifically does God want to change about the way you view other people?

2. WE MUST FEEL WHAT GOD FEELS. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEEING WHAT GOD SEES AND FEELING WHAT GOD FEELS?

What keeps you from feeling the way God feels about those who are far from Him?

3. WE MUST DO WHAT GOD SAYS. WHAT IS GOD TELLING YOU TO DO RIGHT NOW ABOUT THOSE AROUND YOU AT WORK OR HOME WHO ARE FAR FROM HIM?

How did Jesus model reaching out to people who were seemingly lost causes?

Jesus was constantly being insulted by the religious people of His day, and one of their favorite insults was that Jesus was a "friend of sinners." Thankfully, that's true, for if Jesus wasn't a friend of sinners then He wouldn't be friends with any of us. If we are following Him, then we will do what He says when He sends us out to those people that the rest of the world has written off. Then we get to do the last thing, which is to celebrate like God celebrates.

4. WE MUST CELEBRATE LIKE GOD CELEBRATES. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT GOD CELEBRATING BEFORE? WHY OR WHY NOT?

What did Jesus say is worth celebrating in Luke 15?

If we want to celebrate like God celebrates, then we've got to celebrate what is eternal. When we celebrate someone far from God coming to salvation, then we are joining a party that's already going on in heaven.

NEXT STEPS

Help your group identify what next steps we need to take together.

Who is one person or group of people that you do not see as God sees?

Who is God telling you to reach out to this week? Who is He telling you to invite to church so they may hear the Gospel?

Are you celebrating the right things? Why or why not?

PRAY

Ask God to continue to change the way we view the people around us. Ask Him to help us see what He sees, feel like He feels, do what He says, and celebrate like He celebrates.

LEADER TIPS

Midway through this week, send a follow-up email to your group with some or all of the following:

- Questions to consider as they continue to reflect on what they learned this week:
 - **Have you seen people any differently this week? How?**
 - **Who have you reached out to this week?**
- A note of encouragement, following up on any specific prayer requests mentioned during your group gathering.
- The challenge to memorize Luke 15:10.