



DISCUSSION GUIDE

PART 3: Fighting For Joy

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START

There are things or people in our lives that can come along and steal our joy. When thefts of joy come into our life have to decide if we are going to fight for joy or let it be stolen.

- What are some things in your life that have stolen your joy?
- How do you normally respond when something/someone tries to steal your joy?
- How can we fight for joy?

READ

[Luke 15:20](#) (NIV)

So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

THINK

When we think about the parable of the prodigal son we are met with a variety of emotions and responses. The audacity of the youngest son, the warmth of a forgiving a father, the joy of repentance, and the sorrow for the older brother. We can find joy that this parable represents God's kingdom and the how he desires for us to live now.

- When have you ran away from God and realized it was a mistake?
- What thoughts and emotions swell within you when you think of God's forgiveness?
- When have you been jealous of what God has done in someone else's life?
- How can we live out the lessons from this parable?

PRAY

d, help me not overlook your promises. When I begin to wander, bring me back to you and your givenness. Help me to celebrate my joy of what you're doing in my life and the life of others.

ACT

This week, when you sense that your joy is being stolen, decide to fight for and celebrate with others the joy that we have in Jesus.

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