

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

## From Lost & Found, A Series Based on Luke 15

### Part Five: “Standing in the Way of Grace” Luke 15:25–32

You discover how much something means to you when it becomes lost. The joy of finding that precious something helps to explain why Jesus came from heaven to earth. As He spent time with “sinners” on earth, the Jewish leadership would constantly grumble. That context sets up the stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. We all know what it is like to lose something, but what if people were actually disappointed or upset when you found that lost something? That is the attitude of the “older brother” that will conclude our time in Luke 15. Read Luke 15:25–32.

#### **With the attitude of the older brother, we discover these walls of separation:**

The Wall of Self-Entitlement

The Wall of Self-Righteousness

The Wall of Self-Preservation

#### **Questions for Group Discussion:**

1. What does the older brother teach us about our own human nature?
2. Describe a time when you felt like you had earned God’s love or favor.
3. What circumstances lead to an attitude of self-entitlement?
4. As a Christian, where does our righteousness truly come from?
5. What are the things that often keep us from experiencing God’s grace?
6. What self-righteous sins do we consider to be ‘worse’ than others?
7. How is living by works different from living by God’s grace?
8. What are some ways that churches stand in the way of God’s grace?
9. What ways are we personally keeping others from experiencing God’s grace?

#### **Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:**

How will God’s grace make a difference in my life this week?

How will I live differently and share God’s grace because of this study?

#### **Notes & Reflections:**