

## 10/8/17: Dialing it In Week 1 -- Group Discussion Questions

**Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the needs and personality of your Group... It's early in the Groups Season — Major on CONNECTING with each other...**

**Welcome & Intro:** After welcoming, snacks, etc, choose one of these (great place for Apprenticing Leader!):

- High/Low: Have everyone share a high and a low from their week.
- Story Cards: You're welcome to borrow this excellent resource from me at any time — or for \$14.99 you can order your own set for weekly use at [store.northpoint.org](http://store.northpoint.org)
- Icebreaker: What do you love and hate most about Fall??

**Announcements / Transition:** Have someone (preferably not the Leader!) share announcements (see Group Leader email dated 10/6). Since you've just begun / resumed meeting, this is a great time to briefly:

- Review the covenant principles you may have talked about last week.
- Invite Group Members to share Group responsibilities.
- Discuss opportunities for serving together and playing together this quarter. Especially Harvest Fest and Giaudrone Trunk or Treat!

(If you're unsure about these, check out First Time Recommendations at [www.discochurch.com/groupcorner](http://www.discochurch.com/groupcorner))

### Discussion Intro:

- If your Group went to the All In Seminar, share together about what stood out to you from that time. Would anyone be willing to share the Next Steps they identified?
- **Up/In/Out:** *Only do this if your Group was doing it last year and is familiar. If you have a new Group, disregard this for now. (for a refresher about this, see the link at the top of the GroupsCorner page)*

### Discussion

- What stood out to you from Jon's sermon? Or from anything else in the service? **Read Luke 15:11-32.** What are some things that stand out to you in these verses? Is there anything that you learn about Jesus? About people? Where could you see yourself in the people in these verses?
- Is there a time when you were restored to the Father, and recognized the need to also be restored to the Family? What were some of the difficulties that you encountered? (*Be aware — there may be some past hurts around this conversation*)
- What are some ways that we as God's People can make it difficult for people to be restored to the Family? Anyone game to be REALLY transparent and share about a time when *they* might have been the judgmental one? How does this reality highlight our constant, deep need for Jesus' Grace?
- *Leaders: Let your Group know that if any of them are in a place right now where they are separated from the Father, that you and your Group are here to walk with them. This may allow someone to share — but doesn't put anyone on the spot.*
- Brainstorm ways that you can each work to remove every barrier possible to people being restored to Family. If you have a whiteboard or chart paper, use that.
- What specific action that God is calling you to this week?

**Application Step:** *Consider committing to one of these steps this week as a Group*

- Challenge your Group Members to help people be Restored to Family — by meeting two people at church this Sunday: one person they don't know, and one person who looks different from them!

**Prayer (Break early enough from the discussion to give ample time)**

- Break into smaller groups. If your Group has been meeting for a while, encourage them to pray together for someone who has been far from the Father or from Family. If you're just beginning to meet, you can just focus on personal prayer requests.