



EAST BAY CALVARY CHURCH

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS

Series: *You Belong Here*

UNDIVIDED HEARTS Belong Here (Luke 7:36-50)

Introduction

1. What would you enjoy more right now: a night out, or a night at home?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how closely connected are you to your family? Explain the number you chose.

Digging Deeper

3. **Read Matthew 19:29.** Why might someone give up their house or family members to follow Jesus? What would he/she give up along with these?
4. **Read Matthew 10:34-39.** What's the difference between loving father or mother *more than* Jesus and loving father and mother *out of one's love for* Jesus?
5. **Read Genesis 19:12-17.** How easy was it for Lot and his family to flee the coming judgment on Sodom that the angels clearly announced? Why?
6. **Read Genesis 19:23-26.** What had the angels commanded in verse 17? Why might Lot's wife have looked back in verse 26 – and what happened to her?
7. **Read 1 Kings 19:19-21.** What did Elisha do with the oxen he had been plowing with? How would that make it harder to come back home from following Elijah?
8. **Read Luke 9:57-62.** How did each of these three struggle with Jesus' call because of their commitments to home and to family? How do we struggle likewise today?
9. Was there anything from the sermon you hoped we could talk about in our group?

Application

10. How do your house and the blessings of home compete for your commitment to follow Jesus? Is there anything you need to confess and surrender to follow Him?
11. Have you been putting off following Jesus because of the responsibility you feel to your family? How would your home obligations change if you did them, not *before* following Jesus, but *out of* following Jesus?
12. How have you seen people looking back, wishing for the things they've surrendered to follow Jesus? Why do we long for those things—and how can we train our attention forward on Jesus instead?