



# STUDY GUIDE

## AHA MOMENTS 06.09.2019

### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
Appalachia Missions Team (June 13-16)

### [set up]

Have you ever been in a situation where you had grace lavished on you when you knew you didn't deserve it?

If not, can you remember a time when you had to show someone grace over something you did? Have a couple of people share a brief story.

### [digging deeper]

Does anyone remember what the younger son's request was of the father? Why was it significant?

What would it be like to have a child come to you with that request?

What does it say about the father that he was willing to honor that request?

Why do you think people typically talk about the younger son, but neglect to talk about the elder son?

Rick shared that there are two ways that this story shows lostness. What were those two ways? (*Answer: One was lost by bad behavior, one was lost by good behavior.*)

A quote from the message was, "It is more dangerous to be the Elder son." Talk openly about why this could be true.

The elder brother had responsibilities that he was neglecting in this story. What were they?

What are ways that Jesus Christ is our TRUE elder brother?

### [living it out]

Who do you identify with more? The elder son or the younger son?

What is one way you feel personally encouraged from this lesson?

What is one way you feel convicted by the Lord from this lesson?

What is an action step you need to take to act on that conviction?

Paint a verbal picture/description of how that action step, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can and will make a difference in your life (your doings of water).

## **[praying it up]**

Close in prayer. Here is a prayer prompt for your LifeGroup:

“If you have sensed a conviction from God about being the younger or elder brother, let’s pray about that now”

- Lord, forgive me for...
- Lord, thank you for...
- Lord, help me with...

Close your time in prayer. Don’t forget to pray for your “Who’s Your One?” friends.