

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR
Coming Home, Part 1: Leaving Home

Introduction

1. Summarize your religious upbringing. Did you memorize prayers, creeds, or Bible verses?
2. Have you ever investigated non-Christian religions? What did you find?
3. Have you ever known people who are very religious and yet do not seem to know God? What about them made you wonder?

Luke 19:41-42

1. Name some influences in Western culture which have been effective at convincing people of a non-Christian world view. How do you see these influences impacting the church?
2. Explain why Jesus wept in this passage. Name some things you are seeing in the church today which might make him feel the same way.

John 14:1-3

1. Describe what represents home to you. Do you have such a place right now? Why or why not?
2. List some earthly experiences you might describe as "heavenly." What made them seem that way? Are you able to repeat the experience whenever you want?
3. What is Christ's first prescription for a troubled soul?
4. What are the practical ways we apply this prescription? Read Philippians 4:6-7 for details.
5. How did Christ prepare a home for us in heaven? cf. John 12:32-33
6. How can we be sure that we will not fail to go home to Christ? How should that thought impact the way we live every day?

Revelation 21:1-7

1. List all the elements of this heavenly home. Which ones most appeal to you?
2. Who is the one who "overcomes?" Are you an "overcomer"?
3. What characteristics of God are described here to give us confidence?