



## STUDY GUIDE – February 16, 2020

**Message Title: Lion**  
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*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

### **Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

Share about a movie that had a profound impact on your life or one that you found great meaning in.

### **Pray:**

Pray for our time together, that we can understand more fully what it means to seek God wholeheartedly. Pray that the Holy Spirit gives us renewed strength and energy in our search, having full confidence that we will find Him.

### **Get Started:**

The film *Lion* was based on the book, "A Long Way From Home."

You may not have been miles and miles away from home but have you ever been lost as a child? Has there ever been a time when you lost one of your own children? What were the circumstances?

On the flip-side, perhaps you ran away. We looked at the life God wanted for us, took a pass and left home.

- What did that experience look like for you?
- In which ways are you still running?
- Did you choose to return home and what was that like?

### **Watch and Discuss video:**

#### **Read Psalm 63:1-8 and Psalm 130:1-8**

Describe the similarities between these verses and if you have seen "Lion" or Sunday's message, how these verses relate to the themes of the movie.

### **Reflect:**

- Like David, who wrote these Psalms, can you relate to thirsting and longing for God, with your whole being? What was the outcome?

The movie was entitled "Lion" because the boy in the movie was named Sheru which means lion. Consequently, being 5 years old he actually mispronounced his name as Saroo. Later he found out his true name, Sheru which means Lion which stands for strength and courage. Be ready for God to reveal things to you as well.

**Read Isaiah 57:10 and Isaiah 40:31.**

Pastor Brian unpacked this first verse saying, "You grew weary. Then you did not grow weary. Which is it? What God is saying is, "you got a little discouraged, but because you persevered, your passion to discover God gave you a renewed energy so that your weariness gave way to excitement."

- Share a time when you experienced weariness but persevered and found excitement.

**Commit:**

Take two minutes of quiet time with eyes closed to answer these questions for yourself and identify these areas. If time and comfort allows, share.

- Is there any area of your life you need to commit or re-commit to seeking God wholeheartedly? OR is there an area where you need hope and renewed strength in Him?

**Pray:**

Eight years ago this past week, Saroo was reunited with his family. Pray for his renewed relationships.

Pray for the group, that we may run and not grow weary, that our hope is in the Lord and that we never give up. Pray that God gives us renewed strength and excitement to seek Him wholeheartedly with our entire being, in every area of life.