La Busqueda (7:18)

Hi. I'm part of a film project with __(group name)___, and we're using short films to talk about life, relationships, and spirituality. Would you be willing to watch a short film and answer 5 questions about it?

This film is 7 minutes. It's called La Busqueda (La BOO-ske-da), in English *The Search*. It is an independent film, shot in Barcelona, Spain.

As you are adjusting sound, opening the file, making introductions, ask...

1. What's your all-time favorite movie? What do you like most about it?

If you're familiar with their favorite film, share what you like about it. Otherwise, share yours.

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2. So, what do you think of the story?

3. If it had been your Mom or Dad, would you have gotten off the bus? Why or why not?

4.What do you think this film was about?

Re-telling of ancient story

5. So, if the father in the story was God, would you get off the bus? Why or why not?

6. Would it be OK if I tell you how I "got off the bus" with God?

Tell your real life story. Ask, "are you interested in 'getting off the bus' and beginning a relationship with God?"

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The story that inspired this film is an ancient one. Told thousands of years ago. Originally the story was told not about a daughter and her dad, but about a son and his father. His father was a very wealthy plantation owner, who had a large farm and even had people that worked the farm for him.

One day the son told his dad, "when you die, I'm going to inherit half of all you have and my brother the other half. I want my half now." Surprisingly the father gave it to him, half of his entire fortune. The son left home and went to some place exotic and started spending his wealth. He had lots of fun and lots of friends, soon the money ran out, and his friends left him, and he was left with nothing. He had to get a job and took one feeding pigs. This job didn't even pay enough for him to buy food. He started thinking about eating the pig's slop and thought about his father's farm. The guys that work for his dad have a better life than this and he decided he would go home and work on his dad's farm. He cleaned himself up and started home. When he got near the family estate his dad saw him far off at a great distance.

His dad rushed to him but when he got close the son said, "I'm not here to be your son again—I just want to work on your farm. I'm not fit to be your son anymore—I just want to work for you." His father refused and said, "No, you are my son. You will always be my son. I'm going to throw a party for you, and put new clothes on you. I thought you were dead but you are alive. You were lost but now you're found. Let's throw a party. I'm so glad you are home."

And when Jesus told this story, He did it to illustrate how much our Heavenly Father loves us and longs to be in a relationship with us.