

The Heart of the Matter

12. Have you ever strayed from your walk with God? How did God bring you back?

13. Comparing yourself to the two brothers in this story, which one do you identify with the most? Why?

14. How have you experienced God in a similar way as this father?

15. When have you been like the older brother, quietly resentful of God's lavishness to "less deserving" people? Why? Consider verse 31. What does God have to give you that you have not already taken?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

THE PRODIGAL SON Luke 15 For the Week of October 17, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What is an important possession of yours that you recently misplaced? Did you ever find it?

3. Did you ever run away from home when you were a kid? How far did you get? Where did you go? What brought you home?

Digging Deeper

4. According to verse 1 of this passage who is in Jesus' audience? How were they responding to Him? Why?

5. How does Jesus' parable of the sheep relate to the muttering of the Pharisees? What is Jesus' point in verse 7?

6. How do you picture the woman searching for her lost coin in verses 8-9? What is Jesus' point here?

7. In verses 13-16, what stages does the younger son go through on his journey to a far country? What was he looking for? Did he ever find it?

8. In verses 17-20 what finally brings him to his senses? What does he finally realize? With what sort of attitude does he approach his father?

9. In verses 20-24, how does the father receive his son? Why?

10. In verses 25-30, how does the older brother feel about his younger brother's return? Why? In verses 31-32, how does the father answer the older brother's objection?

11. What is Jesus' point with this parable? What does this parable teach about sin, repentance, and God's love?