

LIFE GROUPS – LEADER OUTLINE
Sunday Sermon Notes – Discussion – Application
Luke 15:11-32
THE PRODIGAL SON (YOU ASKED FOR IT)

STARTER QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP

- Have you ever gotten lost as a child? Tell the story.
- What is something valuable you have lost that you wish you could get back?
- Have you ever found something you've previously lost? How did it feel when it was finally found?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER – Luke 15:11-32

- Have each group member read a couple of verses that will be covered during the study time.

PRAY FOR THE TIME TOGETHER IN THE WORD

- Invite someone in the group to open the study time in prayer.

HIGHLIGHTS and OBSERVATIONS OF THE TEXT

- Why did the prodigal ask for his inheritance early, and what does that reveal about his heart (v. 11-13)?
- What circumstances finally exposed the emptiness of the son's choices (v. 14-16)?
- What changes occurred in the son's thinking before he returned home (v. 17-19)?
- How does the father respond before the son could give his speech (v. 20-24)?
- How does the older brother react, and what warning does his attitude give religious people (v. 25-32)?
- How did the father respond to the older brother (v. 31-32)?

FROM SUNDAY'S SERMON – Reflect and discuss the main points

- What stood out in the sermon to you and why?
- What is the difference between someone who wanders and someone who falsely profess faith?
- Why do parents often struggle to allow consequences to do their work?
- What is the difference between loving someone and enabling their sin?
- How does this passage give hope without offering false assurance?
- What does repentance look like in this story?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE THIS WEEK – PERSONAL APPLICATION

- How can you pray for those in your life who are currently wandering?
- What does repentance look like for you this week if you have wandered or stumbled in any area of sin?
- How do we practically demonstrate both truth and grace to someone who has wandered far from God?
- What did you learn about the character and actions of God in this story?
- How do you celebrate and rejoice when you hear or see others repenting?
- Do you think your heart most resembles the father, the prodigal son, or the older brother?

CLOSE YOUR TIME IN PRAYER TOGETHER FOR ONE ANOTHER

- As we close out this study, spend some time sharing with one-another prayer requests for where you feel the Lord has been speaking to your heart about what might be a needed change in habits, thoughts, or attitudes as it relates to our walk with Christ.