

Small Group Discussion Questions
September 19, 2021

Memory Verse:

“Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.” *Luke 15:23-24*

What point of this weekend’s message hit home for you?
Why did Jesus tell this parable?

Read Luke 15:1-2.

Read Luke 15:11-24.

How did the younger son live when he was out on his own?
What happened to him there?

Why did the father call for a celebration?

How have you been like the prodigal son in this story?

What do the actions of the father represent?

Read Luke 15:25-32.

What complaints did the older brother bring to his father?

Why did the father want the older brother be happy?

When have you been like the older brother?
How do “church people” act like the older brother at times?

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Lost: How to Come Home to God (Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said... ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ ...He set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.” *Luke 15:11-13 (NIV)*

Jesus’ mission:

To _____ and _____ the _____.



1. Come _____.

“When **he came to his senses**, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death...’” *Luke 15:17*

2. Come _____.

“I will... say to him: ‘Father, **I have sinned...**’” *Luke 15:18*

3. Come _____.

“**I will** set out and **go back** to my father...” *Luke 15:18*

WHAT DOES THIS TELL ME ABOUT GOD?

• God is patient enough to _____.

“...While he (the son) was still a long way off, his father saw him...” *Luke 15:20b*

• God is passionate enough to _____.

“...he **ran** to his son... threw his arms around him and kissed him.” *Luke 15:20c*

• God is forgiving enough to _____.

“...I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”
Luke 15:21

4. Come _____.

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the **best** robe and put it on him. Put a **ring** on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it.

Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate...”

The older brother was angry and refused to go in.
Luke 15:22-24,28a

The lesson of the story for the older brother:

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The lesson of the story for the younger brother:

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