

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Describe a time when you lost something very important to you. What did you lose? How did it affect you emotionally? Did you ever find it? What was that like?
- **Read Luke 15:1-2.** These verses set the context for the parable. Why do you think the Pharisees were complaining about the sinners coming to Jesus? What does that tell you about their priorities?
- In what ways have you – or the American church – been like the Pharisees?
- **Read Luke 15:11-16.** What does the younger son's request for his inheritance tell you about his relationship with the father? How would you describe the son?
- The younger son then ends up wallowing in a pig sty – without a family, friends, or wealth. What do you think the Pharisees are thinking or feeling at this point in the story? Would you feel the same?
- What is Jesus teaching about the nature of sin through the example of the younger son?
- **Read Luke 15:17-24.** How does the father's reaction differ from what you might expect? What do you think the Pharisees are thinking about the father?
- What do you learn about the character and actions of God here?
- **Read Luke 15:25-32.** Why is the older son so angry? Do you think he has a right to be? How are the Pharisees like the older son?
- Do you rejoice when you see or hear of others repenting and coming to Jesus? Would you say your heart most resembles the father, the younger son, or the older son?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Luke 16:1-18:17. What qualities of Jesus do you see here? How do they move you?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

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- **Read Luke 15:11-32.** Why do you think the younger son wanted to leave home and take his inheritance? What do you think he thought would happen when he left?
- When the younger son left, he fell on hard times. What do you think made him decide to go back to the father? Why was it important that he apologized?
- When the younger son was suffering, the people who heard this parable would have thought, "Good! He deserves that!" What does the reaction of the father say? Why do you think he was happy?
- What does the father's forgiveness tell you about God? What does God require?
- The older brother was loyal to the father and worked hard for him. How did the older brother feel when the younger son was forgiven? Do you think those feelings are fair or not? Why?
- Do you rejoice when you see or hear of others coming to Jesus? Would you say your heart most resembles the father, the younger son, or the older son?
- How would you explain this story to your "one"?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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