

# GPS GUIDE

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3. In Luke 15 Jesus refers to a banquet with “the fattened calf” (15:23)—a special occasion of celebration. Based on this story Jesus tells, what would you say are the marks of the kingdom of God? How do we see here that God welcomes those who seek and submit to his kingdom and extravagantly offers his love and forgiveness? How have you found that to be true in your own life?
4. Can you more easily identify with the younger son or the older son in this story? How so? What is Jesus teaching us from each one of these characters about the kingdom of God?
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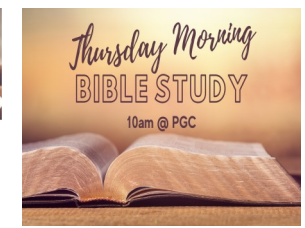
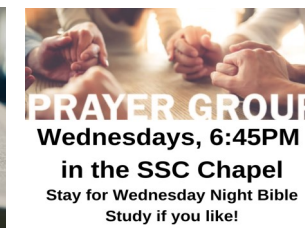
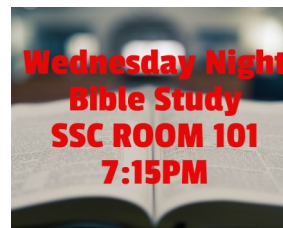
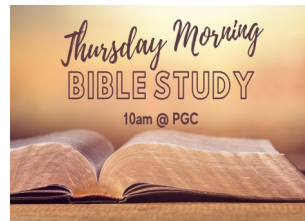
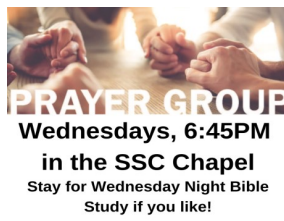
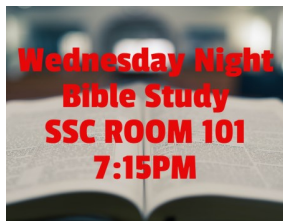
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