

SAME DIFFERENCE

WELCOME HOME – PRODIGAL SON – PART 1

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- How many siblings do you have? How are you alike or different from them?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Like the “Good Samaritan” the “Prodigal Son” resonates with our culture. Why do you think this is?
- Why don’t most people enter a life of crime? Why do some people?
- Read the scriptures on the next page in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What are your first impressions about this parable?
- What is Jesus’ purpose with this parable? What is he trying to teach?
- What do the brothers share in common? What are different about them?
- How are you guarding your heart from wanting the Father’s things and not caring about the Father’s heart?
- Pastor Mark pointed out how both brothers were trying to “earn” their way with the Father. That Father would have none of that. Why do you think that is?
- What characteristics of the Father most stand out to you?
- Which brother do you most relate to?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father. I repent of what I have done wrong, and I repent for many of the reasons I’ve done what was right. I rely wholly on Your grace. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Choose as a LifeGroup to video record the verses as Pastor Mark has suggested on the last two pages.

Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons.

¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "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!

¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "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.

²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

VIDEO FOR PRODIGAL SON

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose a segment of the scriptures to shoot (see other side).
- Find a well lit and quiet area.
- Speak slow and clearly.
- Do not pronounce verse numbers.
- Frame should only include head and shoulders.
- Please avoid full length body videos.

Yes



No



VIEW AND LISTEN BEFORE SENDING

- Enlist the whole family! Let the kids participate!
- Email to mark@flagchurch.com

PLEASE MENTION THE VERSE NUMBERS IN THE EMAIL

- Want to shoot more than just one segment, great!
- Please keep each segment as a separate video file, though, please.

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