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.
- When else is doing right counterproductive? Where in our culture can you do “right” but be hindering what needs truly to happen?
- Why does our world follow the “conceal until caught” policy instead of the “confess and come clean” method?
- Read the scriptures in bold on the next page in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.
- What is something you do for the duty of it, rather than the “beauty” of it?
- What first drew you in to following Christ? What is the most amazing thing about Christ to you?
- Without sharing names, describe the characteristics of people that have been in your life that in your opinion were, “Older Brothers.”
- What is so dangerous about a church full of Older Brothers?
- Mark listed three questions to ask yourself. Ask them of your group, in light of the idea on how hard it would be for an Older Brother to answer them:
  o Why does God love me?
  o Does God owe me anything for my good record?
  o Do I frame what offends me?
- If you understood the play on words in the title of the message, be the first person to email me at mark@flagchurch.com for a prize.

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.
- Father. Remind me that I need just as much grace as every Younger Brother, maybe more. Keep me free from the ugliness of self righteousness. 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.
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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.'"

Matthew 20:13-15 (NIV)

13 "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?
14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you.
15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'"
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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