



## Study Questions

**Message:** “The Parable of the Prodigal Son.”

**Speaker:** Pastor Dave

**Series:** “Gospel of Luke: Act 4: Stories with Jesus (Luke 14-19)”

**Date:** 5/5/24

**Text:** Luke 15:1-32

1. In your own words, what is the central message of the parable of the prodigal son as presented by Jesus in Luke 15:11-32?
2. The Younger Son - Discuss the significance of the younger son's request for his inheritance in the cultural context of Jesus' time. What does it reveal about his attitude towards his father?
3. Explore the theme of repentance in the parable. What does true repentance look like according to Jesus' teaching?
4. Discuss the role of celebration in the parable. Why is it significant that the father throws a feast upon the younger son's return?
5. The Father - Reflect on the different responses of the father towards both his younger and elder sons. What do these responses teach us about the nature of God's love and forgiveness?
6. What are the parenting challenges of having a prodigal child? How can we support one another through such a season?
7. Tim Keller in his book “Prodigal God” emphasizes the idea of two lost sons in this parable. How do you see yourself reflected in either or both of these characters?
8. The Older Son - How does the elder son's reaction to his brother's return challenge our understanding of grace and reconciliation?
9. Consider the elder son's complaint about never receiving a party from his father. Have you ever felt overlooked or underappreciated in your own life? How does this affect your relationship with God?
10. How does the parable challenge our preconceived notions of who is deserving of God's love and mercy?
11. How can we apply this lesson in our interactions with others?