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SHEPHERDCHURCH

LESSON 2: THE PRODIGAL (LOST SON)

WELCOME

Answer one of the following two questions:

- What's something you bought that you wish you could've taken back but couldn't?
- Growing up, were you the obedient child or "the other" child?

WORSHIP

Find a video or audio recording of the song "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and listen to it together as a Life Group (you can sing along if you want). Then, share which part of the song stood out the most to you and why.

WORD

If you haven't already, **watch the video lesson** and read Luke 15:11–32.

1. Look at the younger son's journey in Luke 15:13–20. What brings him to his senses, and how does it change his return?

2. How does knowing that the Hebrew word for “repent” can be translated as “to return home” deepen your understanding of the parable and the concept of repentance?

3. What does the father's response to each son teach us about God's love and forgiveness?

4. How does the older brother in Luke 15:25–32 reflect the Pharisees’ attitude in Luke 15:1–2, and what was Jesus trying to show them?

5. Where are you in this story right now (in the far country, in the pigpen, on the road home, at the party, or outside it), and why?

WITNESS

Read Luke 15:7. How might your life look different a year from now if you lived with that same joy over people coming home?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

This section is designed to help you keep growing in your faith throughout the week by reflecting on what you discussed in your Life Group and studying passages/concepts related to the lesson. As you spend time with these prompts, ask God to speak to you, apply His Word to your life, and help you take your next step with Jesus. Go at your own pace, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time with Him.

- Review anything in the WORD section that either was not covered during your Life Group or that you want to take a deeper dive into.

- Memorize Luke 15:24 and/or Luke 15:32.

- Compare Matthew 9:9–13 and Luke 19:1–10 with Luke 15:11–32 and answer the following questions: What are the similarities and differences between these three passages? Who takes the first step in each story? How do people in the passages respond to grace? Why do you think eating together mattered so much in these moments? What does a shared table say about acceptance and belonging? Who in your life might God be inviting you to sit at the table with this week?

- Read Luke 15:11–32 and pay attention to what the father says, does, and how he acts. Then, write down how you see the father's actions, words, and attitude in Psalm 103:8–13; Hosea 11:8; Zephaniah 3:17; Zechariah 3:1–5; Romans 5:8; and Galatians 4:4–7. Finally, write down how these passages and your takeaways have encouraged, reaffirmed, challenged, and deepened your view of the Father's love for you.