

Dig Deeper @Home – “Walking the Broken Road of Forgiveness”
Complement to lesson on 4/27/2025 – “Foolish Forgiveness”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What is something you lost and were relieved or overjoyed to find again?
2. If you were lost, would you rather find your way to safety or have someone find you?

MEMORIZE – Psalm 32: 1-2

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

READ – Luke 15: 1-32

The Big Idea: The Father invites ALL of us to COME HOME to His forgiveness and loyal love

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
 - b. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
 - d. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. To whom did Jesus direct these parables?
3. What were the foolish acts of the younger son?
4. What makes the older son’s response understandable?
5. What is similar in the father’s reaction to his younger and older sons? What is different?
6. How does Jesus show God’s grace appearing “scandalous” or “foolish”?
7. What does Jesus want us to grasp about His Father’s forgiveness to both the wayward son and the self-righteous son?
8. How can you embrace the “scandalous” nature of grace in your interaction with others this week?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Hide and Seek

Take a plastic Easter egg (from last week!) and place something in it (e.g. candy, \$5 bill, something more valuable if you dare!). Hide it somewhere and have the rest of the group look for it. Let them know you really need to find it. You will even help them!

Whoever finds the egg brings it to you without opening it. When you receive it, reveal the contents. Say why you are glad to receive back the object inside.

Think about the shepherd, the woman, and the father in the three parables. How did they act when they found what was lost? Think about why it is such a big deal to rejoice over the lost being found.

SING (or listen to)

- God So Loved – We the Kingdom - <https://youtu.be/iq5URsXbKXs>
- Good, Good Father – Christ Tomlin - <https://youtu.be/OfJrxvVnmkE>
- Run to the Father – Matt Maher - <https://youtu.be/OiNckhkjOLU>
- The Love of God – Reawaken Hymns - <https://youtu.be/iltKGT7WFDw>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us, for this week.

Sending prayer based on the message:

Jesus, you showed us a picture of the Father's forgiveness and loyal love. May we receive that into our lives when we feel lost. May we have the grace to rejoice with those who come home to you.