

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### *The Prodigal Son*

#### Icebreaker:

- Are you more of a “home-body” or an “on-the-go” person? How about your spouse?

#### Read: Luke 15:11-32

1. If you were the younger son returning home, how would you feel when you first saw your father again?
2. If you were the father, what would have been your response when your son returned?  
a) *“Good to see you, son, but you're grounded!”* b) *“Where's the money?”* c) *“I don't approve of what you've done, but you're still my son.”* d) *“Welcome home, son, I love you.”* e) *“Do you realize how worried I was?”* f) *other*
3. Which of the fathers qualities do you most need?  
a) *his willingness to let his son make mistakes* b) *his patience in waiting for change* c) *his capacity to forgive* d) *his understanding in dealing with his children* f) *his ability to celebrate life* g) *other*
4. In what ways can you relate to the experiences of the younger son?  
a) *I've spent some time in a distant country* b) *I've experience my share of “wild living”* c) *I've been flat broke* d) *I've been hungry* e) *I I've been in a job I didn't like* f) *I've realized my unworthiness* g) *I've been received with open arms* h) *I've experienced the grace of the father* I) *other*
5. Where are you in your relationship to God right now?  
a) *never left home* b) *still at home, but feeling tempted* c) *in the distant country trying to have a good time* d) *starting to realize that I'm in a pigpen* e) *nervously heading back to God but not knowing what to expect* f) *celebrating with the family of God* g) *other*
6. What's the lesson in this parable for you?
7. How can this group pray for you this week?