

**Luke- “Coming Home”**  
**Luke 15: 11-24**

**Instructions:**

This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers “Go Deeper” in applying the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare to engage in a discussion of the questions below, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [leeroad.com](http://leeroad.com), click on media, and listen to the sermon listed above.

1. Everyone loves to take a break from the hustle, bustle, and busyness of life. We all like going on a vacation! We enjoy new sights, sounds, foods, and a slower pace. We enjoy spending time with our families, having great talks, and taking silly pictures. But, we all like coming home from our vacation. Explain to your group the great feeling of arriving home after a week of vacation or summer camp. What is it like to get back into your own house and own bed? What is it about home that makes us long for that place?
2. Luke 15 gives us the Parable of the Prodigal Son. What did the younger son ask for? What would have been his portion of the estate or goods from the father? Why do you think the younger son wanted to leave home? Could it have been motivated by:
  - A. Tired of the Father’s Discipline and Structure
  - B. A Desire to be out on his own
  - C. Sin in his life
3. When the younger son asked to leave, how did the Father respond? Did he try to stop the son? Did he stand in the way? What does this mean?
4. Discuss the following statement, “God will let you have it your way even if it brings ruin into your life.”
5. While in the far country, the younger son wasted his possessions with “prodigal” living (V. 13, NKJV). Look at Luke 15:13 in several other translations, what other words are used in the place of “prodigal?” What do you think the younger son was doing? What sins did he allow to enter into his life? Where was his focus during this season of his life? See Luke 15:30 for one explanation of the sin he encountered.
6. The prodigal son eventually spent all his wealth. He took a job feeding pigs. How did Jewish people view pigs in that day? Did they have pigs, eat pork, or fry bacon? Did they view pigs as unclean? Would you agree that the younger son had hit Rock Bottom?
7. Why do some people have to hit rock bottom before they will look to God? Did you know that God often allows people to hit Rock Bottom so He can get their attention? Have you ever hit Rock Bottom in your faith and walk with God? What caused you to finally “wake up?”

8. Discuss the following statement: "The most miserable people in the world are Christians who are out of fellowship with God." Do you agree or disagree?
9. What is Biblical Repentance? Look in Luke 15:17-20 and see if you can identify three vital steps in Biblical Repentance. If you see the three vital steps of repentance, underline those phrases in your Bible. See if your three vital steps of repentance match the ones Pastor Todd mentioned in his sermon.
  - A. "He came to himself." V. 17. We must wake up and come to our senses and see what our sin is doing to us. Is there sin in your life today that you are ignoring or overlooking? Is there sin in your life that you are choosing to live with? Maybe its time to "wake up" and realize what that sin is doing to you?
  - B. "I have sinned." V. 18. We must acknowledge, admit, and confess that we have sinned. We have to call sin what it is, sin. Do you have sin that you need to acknowledge? Do you justify sin in your life by reclassifying it as "acceptable" in today's society? What is our standard for knowing what sin is? Is it the World's opinion? Is it the Bible?
  - C. "And he rose." V. 20. The younger son did not just feel remorse. He got up and did something about his sin. He chose to stop living in his sin and return home. What actions do you need to take today to remove sin from your life?
10. Pastor Todd stated, "Unless we do something about our sin, we have not truly repented." Agree or disagree? What is the difference in remorse and repentance?
11. When the younger son arrived back home, how did the Father respond. Name three to four actions the Father took in welcoming the son back home? What statement in verse 20 suggests that the Father had been looking for the son to come home? In what ways does the Father show us an amazing picture of Grace?
12. Do you need to come back "home" to the Father?