

# The Prodigal Father

## Luke 15

*Focus: on grasping, embracing and reflecting the Father's generous love*

### Discussion:

- Read Luke 15:1-10. What do these two stories have in common? What would you say Jesus wants the pharisees to hear from them?
- Read 15:11-32. Make a list of all the attributes of the two brothers. What differs? What do they have in common? Which one do you most relate to?
- Why do you think Jesus didn't stop the story at v. 24, but included the part about the older brother?
- List all the attributes of the father in this story. How does that portrait of Jesus impact you? What does it mean for you to respond to that? to reflect it to others? What would you say or do differently if you were trying to share the love of Jesus with a younger brother versus an elder brother type?
- When you read of the two brothers, who comes to your mind that reminds you of one of the brothers? How might God use you to share the love of Christ with them where they are?
- Please encourage your group to make sure they have turned in their JOF pledges for the coming year. If they have any outstanding questions, encourage them to get in touch with one of our elders. This link will take you to the commitment cards: [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7d495f89f8a10ee02758a05be/files/JOF\\_2016\\_Commitment\\_Card\\_01.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7d495f89f8a10ee02758a05be/files/JOF_2016_Commitment_Card_01.pdf)

### RESOURCES:

*Here is an insightful article on the prodigal son by Barbara Brown Taylor:*

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/1998/october26/8tc070.html?share=BL2sD7hSmhX%2b3vbLmsxjHL2Pm2XqJCRT>

