

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God welcomes and rejoices over sinners who repent of sin and trust in the sin-cleansing, shame-lifting, wrath-absorbing sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. How does this text connect to the preceding passages and parables?
2. Why do we squander the time, money, or gifts God has given us? What are some ways you can use them to advance God's kingdom? Why does sin inevitably lead us away from gospel community?
3. How did the prodigal's behavior affect his father and family? Can you relate?
4. How did God intervene in the prodigal's life to bring him to repentance (verse 14-15; Romans 2)? Do you trust that God's sovereignty and goodness can overcome our sin? What circumstances did God use to bring you to Himself?
5. What is repentance (verses 17-20a), and how is it different from worldly sorrow?
6. What was the prodigal's hope and pain, and yet what was his father's astounding, counter-cultural response (verses 17-19)? What does this reveal about the nature of God and his response to broken, humble, repentant sinners (verse 20b, 22-24)?
7. As this parable implies, to what extent has God gone to reconcile us to himself (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 13:12)?
8. Why is it important to rest in the unconditional love of God? How does this influence how we treat others who sin against us?