

# no place like HOME

## Life Group Questions: The Prescription for the Prodigal

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### Read

Luke 15:11-24

### Reflect

When Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son, the people listening must have been shocked. The younger son treated his father with great disrespect, yet the father still welcomed him home. Think of the prodigals in your own life. Whether it's a family member, a friend, a coworker, etc., we all know someone who tends to live life on the run. What is your attitude towards them? Are you ready to welcome them home? Do you secretly (or not so secretly) resent them? How closely does your attitude resemble the Father's?

Pastor Josh Walters gave us three things we can do when someone we love is on the run:

1. Wait expectantly
  - a. Have you given up on the prodigals in your life? Are you expectantly waiting for them to come home, or would you prefer they stayed away?
  - b. What is keeping your attitude from resembling God's when it comes to waiting expectantly for prodigals?
2. Love extravagantly
  - a. When his son returned home, the father didn't have a lecture or a rebuke ready. He didn't make the son beg or repay him. He simply loved him. Think of a prodigal you know – if they returned home today, how would you receive them?
3. Restore generously
  - a. The father didn't just welcome the son home with love, he restored his standing in the family. The son didn't have to earn his way back into the family – he was completely restored at once.
  - b. What would restoration look like in your life? What would it mean for you to restore the prodigals you know?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

### Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?

