

warm up

1. Our siblings and childhood friends were often been present during some of our most memorable times. What's a great memory you share with your siblings or childhood friends?
2. Name a TV show or movie that depicts a family that best describes your family growing up.

digging deeper

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you? Anything you hoped we could briefly talk about as a group? Read Luke 15:1 1-32 if you missed the sermon.
2. Like with the Prodigal Son, has there been a time in your life where you have experienced a "come to your senses" moment about how you were living life apart from God?
3. Instead of "coming to our senses" we often turn to other things when we should be turning to God. Can you think of any things you default to when running from God?
4. What is the difference between the attitudes of "give me" (v.12) and "make me" (v.19)? How can you tell the difference between the two?
 - ◇ Read Isaiah 64:8; Psalm 139:23,24; Psalm 51:10-12; John 15:4,5; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 and discuss how can we live with more of a "make me" mentality and not just a "give me"?
5. Even though the younger brother is the main focus of the story, the older brother is equally messed up. What is the older brother's problem?
 - ◇ How does his problem resemble Martha's problem in Luke 10:38-42?
 - ◇ In what ways do you struggle with these attitudes?
 - ◇ What are some behaviors and attitudes that might indicate we are on the same path as Martha or the older brother from this week's message?
 - ◇ How can serving God, at times, become a distraction from "choosing what is better"?
6. The Story of the Prodigal Son is actually the third story in Luke 15 about God's heart for the lost. Read the first two stories in Luke 15:1-10. What do they (along with the Prodigal Son story) tell you about God's mission in this world? How well does your heart align with God's in this area?
7. What do the following verses say to us about the character and unconditional love of God? Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 3:16-19; 1 John 3:1; 1 John 4:9-11

taking it home

1. Are there any "God make me" prayers you'd like to incorporate more frequently into your prayer life?