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Focus Question

What does the parable of the Prodigal Son teach us about lostness, repentance, and the heart of God?

1. The two sons represent two different ways to be _____.
 - a. Being lost through _____.
Luke 15:11-16
 - b. Being lost through _____ - _____
Luke 15:28-30

2. The father represents God who . . .
 - a. Does not _____ a relationship
Luke 15:12
 - b. Joyfully welcomes a _____ child no matter what.
Luke 15:20-24
 - c. Continually offers a _____ as an alternative to _____ - _____
Luke 15:31-32

Application Questions

If you are lost because of rebellion, will you repent and return? If you are lost because of rule keeping, will you acknowledge you are lost and join in the father's joy?

Questions for reflection and discussion

- 1. Read all of Luke 15. Where does God stop you and why?**
- 2. Who are the intended recipients of these three parables?**
- 3. Why do you think Jesus tells the first two parables before moving on to the longest of the three about the lost sons?**
- 4. What might be other titles for what we know as the parable of the Prodigal Son?**
- 5. What is the message of Jesus to those who are lost by rebellion?**
- 6. What is the message of Jesus to those who are lost by rule keeping?**