

## Study Guide

### The Prodigal Son

1. The father in this story that Jesus told gives his young son what he asked for and allowed him to leave home. Discuss why the father would allow this to happen, knowing that it probably would not end well for his son.
2. The son finally “comes to his senses”. What do you think that entailed? What dynamics brought that about? Have some individuals in the group discuss what it looked like in their lives to “come to their senses” and realize they had wandered away and were lost.
3. What does it mean that the road home always involves humility, confession and repentance? How are all three of these manifested in the lost son’s story?
4. Who are the prodigals in our lives? What does it feel like to have a loved one who has wandered away and is lost? From this 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke, what is our Father in Heaven’s heart for these lost ones?
5. Pray, pray, pray for the prodigals in your life.

### Message Slides

#### **Slide 1:**

Please print out the entire text of Luke 15:11-24. Please use the 1984 version of the NIV Bible.

#### **Slide 2:**

“Point 1: This father, who dearly loved his son, let his son go.”

#### **Slide 3:**

“Point 2: Before the son could back home, he had to come to his senses.”

#### **Slide 4:**

“Point 3: The road back home always involves humility, confession and repentance.”

#### **Slide 5:**

“Point 4: If your Father in Heaven is running towards you, \_\_\_\_\_.”