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SINGING TOGETHER ..... When I was lost



## TRUTHS TO UNDERSTAND:

### 1. The categories of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Now the tax collectors and 'sinners' were all gathering round to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."'* Luke 15:1-2 NIV

### 2. The challenge to \_\_\_\_\_.

*'There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.'* Luke 15:11-12 NIV

*'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no-one gave him anything.'* Luke 15:13-16 NIV

### 3. The choice of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'* Luke 15:17-19 NIV

## TRUTHS TO FACE UP TO:

### 1. We are.\_\_\_\_\_.

*'When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'"*

Luke 15:17 NIV

### 2. We are.\_\_\_\_\_.

*'I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'" Luke 15:18-19 NIV*

*'So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.' Luke 15:20 NIV*

*'But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"*

Luke 15:22-24 NIV

### 3. We are.\_\_\_\_\_.

*'Meanwhile, the older son was in the field.' Luke 15:25 NIV*

*'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders.' Luke 15:29 NIV*

*'He has squandered your property with prostitutes.' Luke 15:30 NIV*

*'He refused to go in.' Luke 15:28 NIV*

*'My son, everything I have is yours.' Luke 15:31 NIV*



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever lost or misplaced something that was important to you? How did you react? When you found it, how did you feel?
2. Read Luke 15:1-2. Jesus told the grumbling Pharisees parables about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. What do we learn about God's heart for people?
3. How are the Pharisees and religious people just as lost as the sinners they despised?
4. Read the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32.
  - What motivated the younger son to demand his inheritance from his father and what type of pain did the father likely experience?
  - What happened to the younger son after he left his father and what did the consequences of his wilful and selfish behaviour teach him?
  - How does sin promise enjoyment but brings enslavement? How does obedience to God's will bring true freedom?
  - How is true repentance different than regret or remorse?
  - How did his father react to seeing his son even before receiving the son's apology? How does this reflect God's disposition towards a lost person returning to Him?
  - What was the older brother's reaction to return of his brother and the celebration?
  - List the ways the older brother showed unforgiveness to his brother and father. What joys did he miss out on because of his unforgiveness?
5. How does knowing that God seeks and saves lost sinners give us comfort and confidence in Him? How might this help us share the gospel with anyone?
6. What do we learn about God's reaction to our mistakes, failures, and times of rebellion? Do we draw near to Him or stay away until we can clean up our act?
7. What is the danger of harbouring any unforgiveness in our heart towards anyone? What are we missing out on because of it?

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