

WEEK 41:

# YOUNGER BROTHERS

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 15:11-24

## RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Proverbs 29:1-3, Ezekiel 34, John 8:34-36, 10:1-18

I am the prodigal son every time I search for unconditional love where it cannot be found.

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

“It is not reason which turns the young man from God; it is the flesh. Skepticism but provides him with the excuses for the new life he is leading.”

— Aurelius Augustine

## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Luke 15:11-13.** What are the younger son’s assumptions about life and his father as he leaves?

**Read Luke 15:14-16.** Have you ever “hit rock bottom” or watched someone else do so? How did you/they respond? Why are these painful moments often what God uses to graciously lead people to repentance? (Consider Jeremiah 2:11-13)

**Read Luke 15:17-19.** What does repentance look like in the younger son’s life? Where in your life are you struggling to believe that God loves you, wants you and has full, satisfying life to offer to you?

The sermon on Sunday gave several arguments against the American belief that life is all about the pursuit of happiness. Which argument(s) made the most sense to you? Which were more difficult for you?

If the point of life is not to be happy, what is the point of life? (Consider 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 and Philippians 3:7-11,)

Pray for renewed perspective on who God is, what the point of life is and to show us where we have opportunities to live as a counter cultural community.