

The logo for the 'Storyteller' series, featuring the word 'Storyteller' in a white, cursive font against a dark background of bookshelves filled with books.

PARABLES OF JESUS

DIGGING DEEPER

THE LOST SONS (THE PRODIGAL)



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SUNDAY RECAP

We are currently in our summer series, *Storyteller*, where we are studying one of Jesus' parables each week. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:11-32

PARABLE THEME: Lostness

REMINDERS/TIPS FOR INTERPRETING THE PARABLES OF JESUS:

1. Read it carefully and thoroughly.
2. Listen: seek to hear it as Jesus' original hearers would have heard it.
3. Keep the parables in the overall context of Jesus' life and teaching.
4. Interpret what is given, not what is left out.
5. Don't impose real time on parable time.
6. Pay attention to the ending.

DISCUSS

Read this week's parable passage(s) and discuss any/all of the following questions:

1. What surprised you about the passage?
2. Is there a character or person you identify with in the parable? Is there anything new jumping out at you in the passage that you've never noticed before?
3. What, if anything, is unsettling to you about the parable? If you could sit face to face with Jesus, what might you ask him about this parable for deeper understanding?
4. What can we learn about Jesus and/or His Kingdom through this teaching?
5. Can you think of any opportunities for transformation that can come from this parable?
6. What are some next steps you can take to put this teaching into practice? Are there ways we can lean into this teaching as a group?

PRAYER TIME: Share requests and pray for one another.

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)

- **Men's Breakfast:** 8/24 | 8a | Family Life Center | Calling all guys! We're getting together for monthly gatherings. This month we'll have breakfast together and build community. Help us plan and cook accordingly by RSVPing at fairoaks.church/events
- **Find Your Spot:** 9/25 | As part of our next series in August, you'll have the opportunity to explore serving opportunities and get plugged in to use your gifts to serve in different ministry areas within our church! Begin prayerfully considering how God might be leading you to get involved this fall.
- **Meet our Missionaries:** 9/4 | 6p | Family Life Center | Come and hear from the Malawi and La Esperanza teams about their trips and we will also be commissioning our new Missions Director, Patsy Conner. Bring a dessert to share!



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