



PRODIGAL GOD

Discussion Guide

14-WEEK STUDY

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEEK 5

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Luke 7:1-10:42



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 7:1-10:42

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To better understand that the love of Jesus sees right to the heart

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Share a story of a time when despite appearances, God showed you someone's heart.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you read **Luke 7:1-10:42** from the Daily Reading Plan last week? If so, what stood out to you?
2. Share something from Sunday's sermon that was meaningful, challenging, or confusing to you.
3. In the story of the sinful woman anointing Jesus in **Luke 7:36-50**—Do you identify with Simon the Pharisee or the woman? What hardens our hearts? What are some tangible ways we can keep our hearts soft before the Lord?
4. God knows us completely. Why, then, do we struggle to bring our sin before the Lord? How is God's response to our confession and repentance different than the way our friend or neighbor might respond to us?
5. Read **Psalms 51:10-12**. What do you notice about David's confession to God?
6. What does surrender and true worship look like in your life? Why does it please the Lord when we authentically worship Him? How does worship transform your heart?
7. How often do you ponder the miracles of Jesus? Read how Jesus Himself describes what He is doing in **Luke 7:21-22**. Do you believe that Jesus performs miracles today? Describe one miracle that you have experienced.
8. The Kingdom of God turns everything upside down—the humble are elevated, outsiders belong, those who mourn are comforted, the sick are healed, and the most unlikely people are used in mighty ways to bring God glory. Talk about a way that God turned something upside down in your life, or how God turned a perceived weakness into a strength. Read **1 Corinthians 1:26-31** as a group and discuss.
9. Read **Luke 9:21-27** as a group. What are your thoughts? What is one way you are daily denying yourself and taking up your cross to follow Jesus? Discuss what this means.

