



MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 2 | Welcome Home

1. We opened this message talking about vacation. What's your favorite place that you've ever traveled to? If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?
2. Joel said, one of our favorite parts of vacation is *coming back home*. What is it about returning *home* after a long journey that we look forward to?
3. In this message, we said, just like we all go on vacation journeys, we also are all on a spiritual journey. Some of us aren't Jesus followers yet but we're *on the way home*. Some of us are Jesus followers & *we're home*. Some of us aren't interested & *have no plans to come home*. If you're comfortable sharing, how would you briefly describe where you are currently & what was that journey like?
4. Read Luke 15:11-13. Joel said that we don't know why the son left home but we do know why sometimes we leave church and/or God...*conflict, confusions, and/or hurt*. Take a few minutes to talk about how these things can lead to us leaving church and/or God.
5. Read Luke 15:13-16. How did the younger sons journey start & how did it end? In this message, Joel said, *when we walk away from God or the Church & live it up, it can be great at the start, but eventually we have a mess on our hands*. Do you agree with this or have you ever experienced this?
6. Read Luke 15:17-20. What was the younger sons plan & how does this illustrate the salvation process?
7. Read Luke 15:20. Before you read it, I want you to imagine, you're the returning son & the Dad is Jesus. Now read it & discuss how that imagery impacts you.
8. Was the father in the story afraid of getting his sons pig-stained mess on him? Why is that image important?
9. Read Luke 15:22-24. Joel ended this message by saying, *you're never too far gone...to come back home*. Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, how did this message & Jesus' most famous story impact you?