

## ***Finding Your Back to God Week Two***

### **TALK IT OVER**

**When we try to find love, purpose, and meaning on our own, we get caught in a never-ending cycle of desire and regret. However, if we decide to return to God, we can always start anew.**

What stuck out?

Key Scripture

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

“When he came to his senses...” —  
Luke 15:17

***You cannot heal what you do not acknowledge, and what you do not consciously acknowledge will remain in control of you from within, festering and destroying you and those around you.***

-Richard Rohr

- Have you had any "what if" thoughts this week? If so, what was it, and how did you handle it?
- Proverbs 16:1 says, "The plans of the heart belong to the man [or woman], But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD." We want to plan and organize our lives in the best way possible. What is the best way? Who defines "the best way?" If not us, how does God plan his path for us after we make a mistake?
- Do you find it difficult to submit yourself to God's ways? Why is it so hard?
- What impacted you the most about the message?
- Bruce talked about the sorry cycle. Can you describe how the "sorry cycle" has played out in your life?
- Can you recall a time in your life when you felt regretful? What was the cause of that regret? Who helped you through it?
- Do you genuinely believe God offers us the same grace and forgiveness, even if we have made poor decisions?
- Even if we haven't obeyed Him, He wants us to know the freedom that comes with forgiveness and grace so we can move forward with hope.
- Have you ever had the chance to start over?
- What are your thoughts about repentance? Why do many people have negative feelings and thoughts about repentance?
- What does Scripture say about finding your way back to God? Test your discussion with scriptural truth.

Ecclesiastes 2:7

Luke 15:11-24

Ephesians 5:8-10

1 Peter 2:2

Acts 2:37

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Jeremiah 3:25

Isaiah 54:4

For the next 30 days, pray as if God is real. Here is the first of five prayers to pray:

***“God, if you are real, make yourself real to me.  
Awaken in me the possibility that with you, I could  
start over again.”***