DGROUP DISCUSSION **GUIDE**



"The Heart of the Father" (The Prodigal Son) **Elder Brian Tressler** March 12, 2023

WELCOME Where do you call 'home'?

WORSHIP Psalm 103 or "Thank God I Do" by Lauren Daigle

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoEr8BSsrxg

WORD

Luke 15:11-32; Psalm 103:11-12

- 1. What stood out to you in the message and why?
- Read Luke 15:11-24 (the younger son) and then vv. 25-32 (the older son).
 - Describe the younger son's actions and attitudes; share what you think about it.
 - Describe the father's actions and attitudes; share what you think about it. Do you think it is fair (why or why not)?
 - Describe the older brother's reaction and attitudes to the situation; share what you think about it.
 - What does this teach us about God's heart for us and for the lost/prodigals?
- Can you relate personally to this parable, either as a prodigal son/daughter yourself or experience with a prodigal. Share if you feel led (How were you lost and then found? How did you respond? How were you received? What did you learn?).
- 4. Application: As a church body, how can we apply what we learned this week in our posture towards the lost/prodigals? And what personal application do you take from this?
- Close by reading the Witness and take time to pray for the prodigals in our lives, asking God to use us as he desires in bringing them home.

WITNESS Commit this parable to memory and ask the Lord for His wisdom and understanding. Ask the Lord to bring the prodigals home and to prepare your heart to receive them as an extension of His hands and feet on earth. May His Kingdom come and His will be done, first and foremost starting within in our own hearts.