

Study Guide: Homecoming

Reading

- Luke 15:11-32

Warm Up

- Reflect on a time when you felt far from home or distant from God. How did you find your way back?
- How do you currently understand the concept of God as a welcoming Father?

Scripture Exploration

- Read Luke 15:11-32. What stands out to you about the father's reaction when the prodigal son returns?
- What are the key differences between the reaction of the father and the expectation of the son?
- What are the key differences between the reactions of the father and the older brother?

Personal Reflection

- How does the story of the prodigal son illustrate God's long-term vision and planning for our lives?
- In what ways does the older brother's attitude reflect our own potential struggles with entitlement or bitterness?

Personal Application

- Identify a relationship in your life where you can embody the welcoming love of the father (instead of the bitterness of the brother). What steps can you take this week to show grace and acceptance?
- Reflect on areas in your life where you may feel like the older brother. What would a calibration look like to realign your heart towards a welcoming spirit?
- What specific actions can you take to engage more deeply with your community, welcoming others as God welcomes us?