



WEEK 4: THE ROAD HOME

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

This week, Pastor focused on the older brother in the Prodigal Son parable. The elder son didn't leave home, but his heart had grown distant. His self-righteousness, comparison, and entitlement kept him from entering the Father's celebration. Pastor reminded us that God's love isn't transactional—we don't earn it by doing everything "right." Both sons in the story are lost in different ways, and both are pursued by the Father. The message ended with an invitation to grow spiritually and begin to reflect the heart of the Father ourselves.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Luke 15:25-28 (NLT)

Luke 15:28-31 (NLT)

Exodus 34:6 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Self-Righteousness

Living with a self-righteous attitude can be harmful and damaging to both ourselves and those around us.

- a. What does self-righteousness look like in our everyday lives (at work, in friendships, in faith)?
- b. How does this mindset affect our ability to receive grace?

2

Earning God's Love

This week's message reminded us that nothing we do can earn God's love.

- a. How does that challenge or comfort you?
- b. Where might you be working for God's love rather than receiving it?

3

Comparison Trap

The older son compares himself to his brother.

- a. How do we fall into similar patterns?
- b. What can we do to choose grace instead of comparison?

4

The Father's Pursuit

The Father goes out to the older son and pleads with him.

- a. What does this say about God's heart?
- b. What helps you return to God in times when you feel resentful, tired, or overlooked?

5

Becoming Like the Father

The message challenges us to mature beyond being sons and reflect the Father's love.

- a. What does that look like in your life?
- b. Which trait from **Exodus 34:6** (compassion, mercy, slow to anger, unfailing love) do you want to develop more?

