

## **Restoration I: Welcome Home**

This study helps the person to feel welcomed back,  
and assess why they left and how to be restored.

### **Pray and have a good talk...**

- What is their story (from becoming a Christian, to leaving the church, to wanting to come back).

### **Luke 15:11-24**

- Discuss the heart of God and the church when someone returns (grace and love).

### **Luke 15:11-13**

- Why did the son in this parable leave?
- It may be different for you, but why did you leave the church?
  - Take the time to draw out the reason(s); there may be more than one.
  - Did others sin against you?
    - Empathize, comfort and minister to them.
    - Assure them that “no one is getting away with anything”.
      - We will do our best to help you and the other person (or people) work through whatever conflicts need to be addressed.
      - Even if the other person is unwilling to work through their part, God assures us that he will bring about justice and vindication in the end (Psalm 37:1-11).
      - The important thing is to work through our own part (1 Peter 2:18-25)
    - (Refer: “A Biblical Guide to Help You Work Through Your Past”)

### **Luke 15:14-17**

- Why did the son return?
- It may be different for you, but why are you returning?

### **Luke 15:18-19**

- Why was it important for the son to look at his part?
- What’s your part?
  - Have you sinned against God and others?
  - If you could do it over again, what would you do differently?

### **Luke 15:20-24**

- How excited is God about your return? Why? (He loves you so much!) (Us too!)
- What was key to restoring the relationship between the father and son? (repentance)
  - We’ll study repentance next time.
- Suggest: pray together