

### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. Do you like this time of year as the flowers come out and the weather warms up?

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Luke 15:1-2. Who was Jesus sitting with?
  - a. What does this tell you about the character and love of Jesus?
3. Please read Luke 15:11-20. What is something God shows you in this passage?
4. Pastor Ruben said, "Time is measured in minutes, but life is measured in moments." What is a key moment in the life of this prodigal?
  - a. What key spiritual moments have you had?
5. Please read Romans 8:28-39. If you completely understood God's love for you, how would it change the way you see your circumstances, future, and past?
6. Pastor Ruben mentioned how most people are consumer-minded. They approach God with this consumer mindset. Would you agree or disagree? Why?
7. What does "sin" mean to you in Luke 15:18? Define sin.

8. According to Luke 18:9-14, who was right before God's eyes? Why?
  - a. What is the formula God uses for greatness?
  
9. Pastor Ruben said, "The true Christian mourns their sin." What does this mean to you?
  - a. How is it contrasted with someone who doesn't?
  
10. According to Luke 15:19-20, what status was the prodigal willing to take?
  - a. What does this say about the heart of the prodigal?
  
11. Do you have a humble spirit?
  - a. How do you respond to criticism?
  - b. How do you respond when you don't get your way?
  - c. How do you respond when you aren't recognized?
  
12. Do you need to return to your heavenly Father?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- The way you see your Heavenly Father shapes how you respond to him.
- The relationship between us and our Heavenly Father is built on love.
- You have a heavenly father that loves you.
- Humble yourself before God and return to him