

### **Message Study Guide**

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

#### **Warming up**

1. Have you ever felt like the prodigal son must have felt when he was walking up to his father's house, hoping he would let him come home?

#### **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; 11-24.
  - a. What is God showing you in verse 20?
3. "Sin is not just breaking the rules, it is putting yourself in the place of God as Savior, Lord, and Judge." What are your thoughts from this quote by Timothy Keller?
4. Do you think the father was waiting for the son? Why?
5. Who ran in verse 20?
6. Find five verses in the bible that describe the character of God as compassionate and loving.
7. What's the significance of his father running to his son?
  - a. What did he risk by running?
  - b. Compare with Deuteronomy 21:18-21. How does it compare to 1 John 2:1-2?

8. Please read 1 John 1-9. What does this passage mean to you?
  
9. Max Lucado said, "The difference between mercy and grace? Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast." What are your thoughts about this quote?
  
10. Do you have the kind of love that would put a clean robe on a dirty soul? Why or why not?

### **Application**

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

- GOD STILL WANTS YOU!
- "Sin is not just breaking the rules, it is putting yourself in the place of God as Savior, Lord, and Judge." - Timothy Keller
- God is waiting for you to choose Him.
- God is willing to display His grace towards you even when you don't think you deserve it.
- You'll appreciate God's love more when you know you need it.
- We serve a God who sees our sin, our filth, our hypocrisy, and still rushes to smother us with kisses.
- Your sins are no match for the grace of Jesus.
- "The difference between mercy and grace? Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast." - **Max Lucado**