



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

## **The Prodigal Son**

### **Luke 15:11-32**

The son thought he knew what would be best for himself and his life, so he asked his father for his share of the estate and his father gave it to him. This would reveal three areas of his life that we equally have to deal with.

1. He had a **RESTLESS HEART**.
2. He would live a **RECKLESS LIFE**.
3. He would lead a **RUINED LIFE**.

After reading *Luke 15:11-32*, share some of your story before becoming a Christian where any or all of these areas were part of your life, or maybe a current struggle that you are having now that sounds very similar to the prodigal's situation. What put you where you were then or are now? How can you overcome being in the "pig pen" of life?

*James 1:6-8; Galatians 6:7-8; Jeremiah 17:9; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Proverbs 4:5-7*

God changes hearts. It will require something of us though, and Pastor Keith spoke of three things that we must do to receive the kind of compassion that the Father has in store for us just as the prodigal son received from his father.

We need to:

1. **Realize** the mess we are in.  
*Luke 15:16-20*
2. **Repent**.  
*Psalm 34:18; Psalm 51:17*
3. **Return**.  
*Joel 2:13; 2 Chronicles 7:14*

### **What's Next**

- Take a look at your life. Is there anything in it that belongs in the pig pen rather than the Father's house?
- Witness to people.
- Join the Celebration! We are called as Christians to be in the business of bringing prodigal sons home. How can you (or are you) contribute to this party that God is throwing?