

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you wasted something (an opportunity, a possession, a friendship, etc.) Did you do anything about it?
  
2. What are some ways in which people today “waste” their life?
  
3. Read the following passages. The phrase “I have sinned...” appears several other times in Scripture. Note who said it, and if their statement caused them to change their behavior.
  - a) Exodus 9:27
  - b) Numbers 22:34
  - c) Joshua 7:20
  - d) I Samuel 15:24
  - e) II Samuel 12:13
  - f) Job 7:20
  - g) Matthew 27:4
  
4. In what way did the prodigal son display humility toward his father?
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - I am going to use my skills or my finances to help another believer who is having a difficult time.
  - I am going to make it a point to pray daily for a believer I know who has wandered away from the Lord.
  - I am going to memorize I Corinthians 6:20.

Cornerstone Church  
Luke 15:11-32

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## ***The Prodigal Son***

### **I. Introduction**

A. The Greatest Story

B. Three Parables

(See Luke 15:1-7; Luke 15:8-20; Luke 15:11-32; Luke 15:7-10)

C. Three People

(See Matthew 25:24-26; Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27;  
John 11:52; Acts 5:37; Luke 15:13)

### **II. The Parable of the Prodigal Son**

A. The Prodigal’s Request

(See Luke 15:11-12; Deuteronomy 21:17; Luke 12:15)

“A dissatisfied heart leads to a disappointed life.”

B. The Prodigal’s Revelry

(See Luke 15:13; Luke 15:30; Numbers 32:23)

C. The Prodigal’s Ruin

(See Luke 15:14-16; Leviticus 11:7)

“A man’s worst difficulties begin when he is able to do as he likes.”

Thomas Huxley

#### D. The Prodigal's Return

(See Luke 15:17-20; Romans 2:4; Psalm 51:4; Matthew 20:1-16; Deuteronomy 24:15)

#### E. The Prodigal's Reception

(See Luke 15:20-24; Deuteronomy 21:18-21; Zechariah 3:4; Genesis 37:3; Esther 6:8-9; Genesis 41:42; Esther 8:8; Daniel 6:17; Isaiah 61:10; II Corinthians 5:21)

#### F. The Prodigal's Rejection

(See Luke 15:25-30)

### IV. Conclusion

#### A. The Father's Response

(See Luke 15:31-32)

#### B. Lessons Learned

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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### Passage of Study

#### Luke 15:11-32

<sup>11</sup> And He said, "A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them. <sup>13</sup> And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. <sup>14</sup> Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. <sup>16</sup> And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving *anything* to him. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'" <sup>20</sup> So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; <sup>23</sup> and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he summoned one of the servants and *began* inquiring what these things could be. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and *began* pleading with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and *yet* you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; <sup>30</sup> but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and *has begun* to live, and *was* lost and has been found.'"