

Questions for further study ... June 20<sup>th</sup>  
"Lost" - part 1

Icebreaker ... talk about something you lost, and why it bothered you.

Read the parable Jesus told in Luke 15:11-32.

1. How do you think the two groups mentioned at the beginning of the chapter (the "tax collectors & sinners" and the religious leaders of the day) would have reacted to this story.

2. What was the younger son's attitude towards his father when he left?  
Who does he represent in real life?

What made him come to his senses?

Think of other events in the Bible where difficult circumstances had a similar affect.

Have there been such circumstances in your life that caused you to "come to your senses"?

What do you suppose was the son's expectation of his father's reaction?

3. How would you characterize the father's actual reaction?

What's your reaction to his welcome?

4. Did the older son behave in accordance with the spirit of his father?

Who does he represent?

Rob Parsons once said, "We have made prodigals of many who never were – because of petty rules that don't trouble heaven. People don't often turn their hearts from God, they move away from the church."

Pray for "prodigals" you know.

Pray that we would recognize any attitudes like either the younger or older brother, that disrespect God, and cause other people hurt.