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## CONNECT *BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING*

- What tempts you away from God?
- When do you most enjoy God?

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## TRUTH *UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE'S MEANING*

For the next three weeks, we'll be in a new series called *With God*.

This week, we'll be learning from Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, allowing God to remind us that coming home to God is *God's deepest desire and our greatest need*.

### GOD'S DEEPEST DESIRE...

**READ:** Luke 15:11-32

**DISCUSS:** What is the father's heart towards his sons?

God, like the father in Jesus' parable, wants us to be *with* him and to *enjoy* him.

### ...AND OUR GREATEST NEED

**READ:** Luke 15:14-20 and 28-32

**DISCUSS:** What distances each son from his father?

The younger brother (like all of us!) leaves his father's side because he thinks there is greater joy elsewhere; but the older brother begins to resent his father (like all of us!) because he forgets the joy he *could* have in his father's company.

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## GRACE *SEE HOW THE PASSAGE CONNECTS TO JESUS*

Read Luke 15:22-24, slowly.

What does this passage tell you about God's heart toward you?

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## CHANGE *APPLY THE PASSAGE TO OUR THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND ACTIONS*

- What is getting in the way of you truly enjoying God?
- How can you enjoy God this week?

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## PRAYER *RESPOND TO THE PASSAGE IN PRAYER*

- Spend some time praising God's graciousness and kindness in reconciling us to Him.
- Pray for God to lead you into greater enjoyment of Him this week.