



## High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

Fall 2023 Study – *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller

Introduction and Chapter 1: The People Around Jesus | Tuesday, August 22, 2023

This fall we'll be starting a series based on Tim Keller's book, *The Prodigal God*. It's a powerful book that communicates how much God loves us and the power in understanding that love. It's a brilliant twist on one of Jesus' most famous parables, known by most as The Prodigal Son. Provided below is our schedule for this series that will cover seven weeks.

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| • <b>Chapter 1</b> | <b>The People Around Jesus</b> | <b>August 22</b> |
| • Chapter 2        | The Two Lost Sons              | September 5      |
| • Chapter 3        | Redefining Sin                 | September 19     |
| • Chapter 4        | Redefining Lostness            | October 3        |
| • Chapter 5        | The True Elder Brother         | October 17       |
| • Chapter 6        | Redefining Hope                | November 7       |
| • Chapter 7        | The Feast of the Father        | December 5       |

### Questions

1. Read Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. With whom do you identify the most: the older brother or the younger brother?
2. In studying the Bible context is always important. This parable is no exception. According to Luke 15:1-3 to whom did Jesus address this parable? What was His message to the two audiences (hint: consider both groups)?
3. Is it possible to have a hollow spiritual emptiness when living either a religious or an irreligious lifestyle?
4. On page 13 the book has a section called "Why People Like Jesus but Not the Church."
  - a. In reading this section what insights do you gain related to this statement?
  - b. Do you agree with this statement?
5. The religious leaders of Jesus' day were continuously questioning His authority. Pick **one (1)** of the passages below and express how Jesus might have been frustrated with their line of questioning.
  - His authority (Luke 20:1-8)
  - Paying taxes to Caesar (Luke 20:20-26)
  - Resurrection of the dead (Luke 20:27-38)
  - Washing of hands (Matthew 15:1-12)
  - His identity (John 10:22-32)
6. How can we apply insights from tonight's lesson to be more like Jesus in our own lives?