



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

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

Chapter 2: The Two Lost Sons | Tuesday, September 5, 2023

This fall we're conducting 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.

- Chapter 1 The People Around Jesus August 22
- **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. Re-read Luke 15:1-2, 11-32. Who are the three main characters in this story and who is represented by each?
2. The younger brother believes that he is no longer worthy of his father's love and to be called is son. What does this say about how he viewed his relationship with his father? Does this view exist today in how we view God?
3. If God's grace is absolutely free and there is nothing we can do to earn it (cf. Ephesians 2:8-10), what motivation is there to love an obedient life?
4. Can people seek to control God through their obedience? If yes, how do they do it?
5. Use the graphic on the back page to identify ways the brothers were alike and how they were different.
6. In what ways does the older brother seek to find significance and happiness? In our own lives, where do we seek to find significance and happiness? Be specific.
7. How can we apply insights from tonight's lesson to be more like Jesus in our own lives?

**Younger Brother
Characteristics**

**Older Brother
Characteristics**