



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

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

Chapter 3: Redefining Sin | Tuesday, September 19, 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. With what sin(s) did the younger and older brothers struggle?
2. In the opening section of this chapter, Tim explores the concept of "Two Ways to Find Happiness." What are the ways in which the younger and older brothers sought happiness? Give some specific examples of things you believe they might have done.
3. On page 41 what are the two things the younger and older brothers wanted in life? How is this reflected in their actions in this parable?
4. We read the following statement on page 49: "Elder brothers obey God to get things. They don't obey to get God Himself." What are your thoughts on this statement and have you (or someone you know) ever struggled with this concept?
5. What are some alternative endings to the Prodigal God parable. As you know, the version we've been given results in a broken heart from the younger brother and an unyielding / unbroken heart from the older brother.
6. How can we apply insights from tonight's lesson to be more like Jesus in our own lives?