



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

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

Chapter 6: Redefining Hope | Tuesday, November 14, 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 14**
- Chapter 7 The Feast of the Father December 5

Questions

1. Re-read Luke 15:1-2, 11-32. What emotions do you think came to the mind of the younger brother when he started to think about going home? Think in terms of memories you might have in growing up.
2. A concept presented in Chapter 6 of *The Prodigal God* is the "elusiveness" of home and the almost assured experience of disappointment. This is stated well on page 108, "Though we long to make a difference in the world through our work, we experience endless frustration. We never fully realize our hopes and dreams. We may work hard to re-create the home that we have lost, but, the Bible says, it only exists in the presence of the Heavenly Father from which we have fled."
 - a. When and how have you experienced frustration in life? Think in terms of work, family, and church.
 - b. What can we do to minimize frustrations with our current set of circumstances?
 - c. On a personal level, what you are doing to create a welcoming environment at home for your family? Think in terms of your being the spiritual leader of your family.
3. Read Revelation 21. In reading about "A New Heaven and a New Earth" list some of the elements that will make it a wonderful place to be?
4. How can we apply insights from tonight's lesson to be more like Jesus in our own lives? Think in terms of Jesus being our "true elder brother" and how that impacts the way we should live our lives.