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11 May 25 | Running into Grace | Luke 15:1-24 | Dr Graham Blaikie

## Groups & Families Discussion Questions

*Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.*

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**Sermon Notes:** Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

## ***Life Group Questions***

1. Icebreaker: the prodigal son went to a far country. If you were going to escape your current life with a huge inheritance, where would you go and why?
2. If you were going to help someone who is unfamiliar with the context of this parable, how would you explain it? (See Luke 15:1-10)
3. Read Lk 15:1-24. What in this passage (also see v30) indicates the prodigal had sunk to the lowest of the low relationally, financially, morally and emotionally?
4. What surprises you most about the Father's actions (v20-24)?
5. Did you used to think, like Graham, that the term "prodigal" meant "rebellious"? How does Merriam-Webster's definition as "one who spends or gives lavishly or foolishly" unintentionally extend the definition to include the Father as well as the younger brother?
6. Given that the Father in the parable is clearly God, what does Jesus intend it to teach us about God, Jesus' mission, grace, and the Gospel?
7. Is there any sin God the Father will not forgive? How does that make you feel?
8. How would it make those in your orbit feel if they only knew "the prodigal God"? Who are you praying for / sharing with?