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Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. What do you make of the context of the parable of the Prodigal Son? How does it relate to the two shorter parables immediately preceding it?
3. Can you identify with the wayward son? How has your own life reflected his initial approach to his father (v. 12)? Have you ever treated the Father this way?
4. What's the result of the son's reckless living? Have you ever found yourself in a similar position? Why? How did that happen?
5. Notice that V. 17 says that he "came to his senses." What happened to bring him to this point? How about in your own life?
6. How does the son approach his Father? What is he expecting the reaction to be? What's surprising about the father's reaction?

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7. What point do you suppose Jesus is making about the father's joy at his son's return? How does this relate to Jesus' listeners? How about to you and me?

8. Can you identify with the other son (vv. 25-30)? Which son are you more like?

9. What can you learn from the angry son? What needs to change in your thinking or your approach to the Father? How might this change your relationships with those around you?

10. Can you summarize the theological message of this text? How would you state the core message in one sentence?