



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

Power of Story - Which man are you?

## **Last Week**

Did you have anything happen to you this week that reminded you of God's unfairness?

## **Opener**

What was a lesson that you learned from your father that you still practice today?

## **Questions**

If the family in the parable of the Prodigal son was a family you know and happened today, what do you think your response would be to what the father did?

Have you ever felt like the younger son, chasing after something that ultimately left you empty? How did you find your way back?

Is it easy to relate to the older brother and empathize with his response? Why do you think he responded the way he did and not the way his father did upon the return of the younger son?

What does this parable teach us about God's grace? Did you learn anything about relationships?

How can you encourage others who might be struggling with feelings of regret or worthlessness to return to God's love and forgiveness?

## **Scripture Discovery:**

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Luke 15:20-24 (NLT)

*"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.*

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray