

# The Lost Stories

## Luke 15

*Focus: on grasping, embracing and reflecting the Father's generous love*

### RESOURCES:

Here is an insightful article on the prodigal son by Barbara Brown Taylor:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/1998/october26/8tc070.html?share=8hkEW0o70rEe8ExMHou%2fSr2Pm2XqJCRT>

### 2016 Annual Priority:

*To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.*

### Discussion:

- Read Luke 15.1-10. What do these two stories have in common? What would you say Jesus wants the Pharisees to hear from them? What does this reveal about what God loves?
- Read 15.11-32. Make a list of all the attributes of the two brothers. What differs? What do they have in common? Which one do you most relate to?
- Why do you think Jesus didn't stop the story at v. 24, but included the part about the older brother? What does that teach us about God and his desires for us?
- List all the attributes of the father in this story. How does that portrait of God impact you?
- How ought this story fuel our love for our neighbors who are far from god?
- When you read of the two brothers, who comes to your mind that reminds you of one of the brothers? How might God use you to share the love of Christ with them where they are?

