

## Group Discussion Guide

### EASTER AT ONE LIFE

- Pastor Jared explained that 'prodigal' means 'recklessly extravagant and lavish' and suggested the story should be called 'The Prodigal Father' instead of 'The Prodigal Son.' What does this tell us about God's character and how He responds when we come back to Him?
  - Think about a time when you disappointed someone important to you. How would it feel to be met with celebration instead of punishment when you tried to make things right? What keeps you from believing God would respond this way to you?
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- The sermon mentioned that Jesus told three stories in Luke 15 - the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. What do these stories teach us about how valuable we are to God, and why would He go to such great lengths to find us?
  - When you feel lost or far from God, what voices in your head tell you that you're not worth pursuing? How might remembering these three stories change the way you see yourself and God's heart toward you?
- The story of Kenny and Sarah Mantle showed how their marriage was 'basically dead' but experienced resurrection after they began following Jesus. What role did community and invitation play in their transformation?
  - Who in your life might be waiting for an invitation to experience God's love? Or alternatively, who could you reach out to for support in an area where you need God's resurrection power?

- Romans 8:11 says that 'the spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you' and will 'give life to your mortal bodies.' How does knowing this resurrection power lives inside believers change the way we approach difficult situations?
  - Think about a current challenge you're facing. How might you approach it differently if you truly believed resurrection power was available to you? What would change about your prayers, your actions, or your hope?