



STUDY QUESTIONS FOR **OCTOBER 27**

Series: *You Belong Here*

PEOPLE WHO WASTED THEIR LIVES Belong Here (Luke 15:11-24)

Introduction

1. Share a story you've heard of someone who really turned their life around.
2. If you're willing, share a moment when you "came to your senses" and made a major life change.

Digging Deeper

3. Before reading, retell Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son with as much detail as you can recall. Then, **read Luke 15:11-24**. What parts did you remember best? What details had you forgotten?
4. **Read Romans 1:18-23**. Not everyone who knows about God honors God or thanks Him. How does this happen today? How do Christians slide into these faults?
5. **Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17**. What did Paul share in common with the Prodigal Son? What does it mean to act "ignorantly in unbelief" – and how did God treat Paul?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**. How do you think the Corinthians would have related to this story of the Prodigal Son? What three things happened to them in verse 11, and what do each of them mean?
7. **Read Ezekiel 18:26-32**. According to this section, is it really possible for someone to change? Is God willing to forgive a wicked person who repents? If so, how willing?
8. **Read James 4:6-10**. How would this counsel be beneficial to someone who is just realizing their need to change their life and turn to God?
9. What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you? Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

Application

10. Whom do you know that needs to hear this story of the Father's persistent love? Who needs to know that this story is true?
11. Give practical ways that we, as individuals and as the church, can respond like the loving Father who welcomed his wandering son home.