



## **Life Group Discussion Questions**

**Sermon Series:** Promises of 15:13

**Sermon Title:** Part 3 – Luke 15:13

**Sermon Date:** 3-24-19

**Gospel Gain: Those who squander can come home, find compassion, confess and be celebrated by a loving God.**

### **Gathering Together** (Icebreaker)

What does it mean to squander something?

What do you think can be squandered?

What comes to mind when you hear the word prodigal?

### **Growing Together** (Truth/Equipping)

In this study we will look at a variety of passages (Chapter 15, verse 13 in different books of the Bible) that contain wonderful promises about God. In today's passage, we see how a loving Father welcomes back a prodigal son who has squandered everything.

**Read:** *Luke 15:11-24*

What are your first impressions of this passage?

**Read:** *Luke 15:13*

***Luke 15:13 - Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.***

What do you think this son did that fits into reckless living?

What emotions do you think this son may have experienced when he first left home? When he journeyed into a far country? When he realized that he had blown his entire inheritance?

**Read:** *Luke 15:11-20*

How often does a prodigal return home?

What would prevent them from returning home?

What would inspire them to return home?

What encourages you to come back to God after you or your sin has created distance?

**Read:** *Luke 15:20*

What does the compassion of this father indicate to you about his son?

What does this tell us about God's character?

**Read:** *Luke 15:21*

Why do you think this son practiced his speech before coming to his father?

What makes confession so challenging?

Is someone in the group willing to share about a time when confession went way better than expected?

**Read:** *Luke 15:22-24*

What gets your attention about this celebration?

How well do Christians celebrate today?

How can we improve our celebrations of those who come home and confess?

**Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

Which of the areas discussed above resonates with you the most?

How can we encourage each other to grow in each of these areas – coming home to a loving God, understanding the compassion of a loving God, confessing to a loving God and celebrating?

**Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.