



Finding Your Way Back to God - Always There to Help

Week of Oct. 18-24, 2020

Key Message

Our moments of deepest pain are where God's love shines brightest.

Discuss

- Share a funny story about a time when you got into a jam and needed help.
- Tell about a time when you tried to make a fresh start of some kind - a new job, relationship, break a bad habit, etc. - and it failed.
 - Why do you think it didn't work?

Read and Discover

Read Luke 15:14-20

- Why do you think the son thought of his father when he needed help?
- What does the reaction by the father (representing God) teach you about having confidence in asking God for help?
- When the younger son asks for his inheritance and leaves home, what do you think he was longing for?
- Have you ever had a major desire fulfilled but then found that the fulfillment wasn't enough and you were still dissatisfied? Describe the situation.

Read Matthew 11:28-30

- What do these verses teach you about the kind of reception the needy get when they turn to God?
- Have you experienced the truth of these verses in your life? Share the story.

Read Romans 7:21-8:4

- What is Paul frustrated about in verse 21-24? How do you relate to this frustration?
- What finally worked for Paul?
- What do you think this looks like in our lives today?

Application

- Have each member draw a cross in the center of a piece of paper or write his name. Then have them mark an "X" on the page indicating how close to Jesus they are at this point in their life.
- Now draw an arrow showing whether or not they are moving closer or farther away from Jesus? Explain your answer.
- Close in prayer by praying for each other and your relationship with Jesus.