



# Finding Your Way Back to God - I Wish I Could Start Over

Week of Oct. 11 - Oct. 17, 2020

## Key Message

No matter how far you've wandered, you can still come home.

## Discuss<sup>1</sup>

- Describe the following:
  - a. An item of clothing you're embarrassed to admit you used to wear.
  - b. A slang expression you can't believe you used to say.
  - c. A singer or music group you're amazed that you like.
- As you think back over the major decisions you've made in life so far, what are some of your biggest regrets? How might these be contributing to your feeling distant from God?

## Read and Discover

### Read Luke 15:11-19

- What stands out to you?
- What regrets do you think the son felt when he was alone and had to toil at the lowest of low jobs just to stay alive?
- When he decided to return home, how are his longings different than they were at the beginning of the story?
- What keeps you from coming home?

### Read II Corinthians 7:8-10

- What is our role as followers of Christ when we see people "wander away" from God?
- What should our attitude be like as we do this?
- What can you learn from this passage about how to use your regrets as a springboard for positive change in your life?

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<sup>1</sup> These questions are adapted from [Finding Your Way Back to God Participant Guide](#).

## Read Isaiah 55:6-7

- What encouragement do you find in these verses for yourself or others who have made bad choices?

## Application

1. Have you ever felt stuck in a cycle of longing, disappointment, and regret? What was going on in your life at that time?
2. Are you ready for a change that would bring you closer to God? If so, what is your next step? If not, what is holding you back?
3. Jesus assures us that “with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). No matter how many failures you may have had in the past, it’s possible for you to have a fresh start in your life. The starting point is to believe in the possibility. Define the way in which you need a fresh start in your life by filling in the blank to complete this sentence, “I need to start over in my life by \_\_\_\_\_.” If you are comfortable, share with your group how you filled in the blank.
4. Spend time praying for each other and that you would experience a fresh start.