

## The Pursuit of Grace | Week 4

*God's grace always outruns our shame. The Father watched. The Father ran. The Father embraced. The Father restored. The Father loved both his sons. The irony is only the rebellious son could receive it. Many times, the rebellious understand and love God more than the religious do.*

### Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Confession is one of the spiritual rhythms that keeps us close to God. What helps you be honest with God about where you've fallen short?

### Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

### Watch the Video (10 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [Luke 15](#).

### Group Discussion (45 minutes)

*Starter Question from the Video:*

1. What do you love about the Father's heart?

*Scripture Observation and Interpretation:*

2. Read [Luke 15:20-24](#). List each of the actions the father took. Which one stands out most to you and why?
3. Read [Luke 15:31-32](#). The older brother never left home, yet he missed the party. Why do you think people who have been around God a long time can struggle to celebrate His grace for others?
4. Read the parables of *The Lost Sheep* and *The Lost Coin* in Luke 15. What do the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son all have in common? When you pray, how do you picture God? Do you picture Him searching for you, or waiting for you to explain yourself?

*Personal Application:*

5. God's grace always outruns our shame. The father ran before his son could even finish his apology. Where do you need to believe this week that God is running toward you, not away from you?
6. You can't forgive someone you feel superior to. The older brother kept score and stood outside. Who is one person you could take a step toward this week?

### Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your time in prayer. You can use your own words or these words:

*Father, thank You that Your grace outruns our shame. Thank You for running to us when we wander and coming out to us when we resent. Soften any place in us that feels superior, and help us welcome others the way You've welcomed us. Amen.*

## For Further Exploration

- Watch this [6-minute Bible Project video](#) to learn more about the Parables of Jesus.
- Start a [Bible Reading Plan on the Parables of Jesus](#).
- Read and apply Scripture that is connected to the weekend message and Group Notes every day in the SV app. Find “Daily Reading” at the top of the Weekly Guide page.