



# NEVER ALONE



## ICE BREAKER

What is distinctive about your family? What does your family always do?



## OVERVIEW OF WEEK 5: FAMILY

### KEY PASSAGE: LUKE 15:11-32

The story of the prodigal son shows us how we, as God's family, can heal the broken place of isolation by seeing one another with dignity, opening our lives to each other with hospitality, pursuing proximity with those the world says are untouchable, choosing unity, and entering into the celebration of the father's love as family.

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you that you are part of the family of God?
2. How do we, as the family of God, show a kind of grace that distinguishes us from others?
3. At the end of the message, Barry invited us to identify with the characters in the story of the prodigal son. Which of these resonates with you?
  - a. In what way are you like the younger son? How have you left your father's house? How are you isolated?
  - b. In what way are you like the older son? Who have you excluded from the family of grace? Now imagine the father is beckoning you to come to the celebration. What would it take for you to join the party? Now imagine you are returning home and your father God wraps you into his arms and holds you close and speaks into your ear. What does he want you to hear?
  - c. In what way are you like the father? What isolated person in your life is coming up the road? Now imagine you run to them. You embrace them. What does it look like for you to bring them home?



## RESOURCES

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