

**BE THE CHANGE: Studies in Repentance**  
**Week 4: Pig Pen Epiphany**  
**June 28th, 2020**

***OPENING PRAYER***

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

***SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES***

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

***"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"***

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

***INTRODUCTION***

This week, we are continuing in our series "Be the Change." This week's Message comes from Luke 15 and is titled, "Pig Pen Epiphany." We are again focusing on our need for repentance. Repentance may naturally sound like something for those who don't know God, but it is equally as important for those who do know God. Spend some time in your group to talk through the discussion questions, but also to search your own hearts for areas in your life that may require repentance.

### ***Bible Storytelling: Luke 15:11-24***

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Luke 15:11-24 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

### ***DISCUSSION:***

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- Think about a typical day... How many times in a day do you feel like you don't have "enough"? (Not enough sleep, not enough time, not enough money, etc.)
  - Name the things that you typically feel you don't have enough of.
- Why is it important for us to admit that without Jesus our lives are "not enough"?
- What would it feel like to you to have a switch in your mindset... to feel like you have enough in your life? What would you have more of? (Peace, joy, calm, etc.)
- Have you ever had a moment of pride like the Prodigal Son? A time in your life when you thought that you didn't need your Father's presence anymore and could go it alone? Share about your experience.
- Have you ever been as desperate in your life as the Prodigal Son? Have you ever experienced a "rock bottom" moment like his? Share about this experience.
- Share about a time when you decided to "come home" spiritually. If you don't have an experience like this to refer to, would you share a road block that maybe keeps you from "coming home"?

- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Take a few moments of silence for group members to reflect on areas of their life that may require repentance. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.

\* ***Be sure someone is selected to tell next week's story...2 Chronicles 7:11-22***