

**Un-Broken: How we experienced God's love, and you can too**

**Week 1: A Story of God's Love**

**September 27th, 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***

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

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

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

**How old were you when you left home? Where did you go? What did you do?**

***INTRODUCTION***

We begin a new series this week, ***Un-Broken: How we experienced God's love, and you can too.*** Since before the beginning, God has loved people. We are going to explore God's love for us as we trace the Biblical roots and share personal stories of real-life encounters with love. This week we begin with a personal testimony of Pastor Paul and Mariann in a message entitled: ***A Story of God's Love.***

Our story is a famous one, found in Luke 15:11-32. Listen to the story and consider who you relate to in the story and why.

### ***Bible Storytelling: Luke 15:11-32***

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Luke 15:11-32 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.

- **Who do you relate to most in this story? Why?**
  - **Spiritually, which brother reminds you of your spiritual journey?**
  - **If you were the younger brother returning home, how would you feel when you first saw your father again?**
  - **Which of the father's qualities do you most need?**
  - **What stands out to you about Paul and Mariann's story?**
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- **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. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.