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## Study 13 - Luke 15:1-16:15

1. What is the context Jesus finds himself in when deciding to tell these parables? (15:1-3)
2. Read through the three parables (15:1-32), what themes are repeated? What is the big idea of this section, and what does it tell us about God and his grace?
3. How does this grace make us willing to meet the costly demands of discipleship (14:25-33)?
4. How does God's radical searching and radical celebrating encourage you? How should it change our own hearts towards God and others?
5. There are two sons in the parable of the prodigal son, why are both sons lost? (Hint: think about who is standing outside the party at the end of the parable & think about the context of the larger section –“ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” in v7)
6. What can we learn from the younger son regarding his attitude when returning to the Father?
7. How can we avoid becoming like the older self-righteous brother in this parable? What are some of the symptoms we need to look out for? How are the three parables a corrective? (Think about the broader section of Luke which teaches about who it is that enters the heavenly feast).
8. What is the main teaching point in the parable of the dishonest Manager (vs9)? How does this help shape our understanding of the parable as a whole?
9. How is the manager using present opportunities for future gain? Why is this commended? What practical implication might this have for you? How can we be more shrewd with God has given us?

10. According to these verses, what patterns in our lives might indicate whether we are serving God or money as our master?
11. What does Jesus have to say about being faithful in vs10-12? Why is this such a key principle<sup>4</sup> for us as we consider eternity?
12. How will these parables change the way you think, live, and believe this week?