

## *Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

### **Grace – Who Needs It?**

#### ***Getting Started***

Name some ways we can miss the grace of God.

#### ***Digging In***

1. **Read Luke 15:1-7.** Why did the shepherd leave the 99 sheep and go into the country?
2. Who does the shepherd represent? What point is Jesus making?
3. **Read Luke 15:8-10.** What did the woman do when she realized that one of her coins was missing?
4. What is the main point of this parable? How is it similar to the parable of the lost sheep?
5. **Read Luke 15:11-32.** What did the younger son do with his share of the estate?
6. Why did the younger son finally return home?
7. How did the father respond when the younger son returned? Why?
8. How did the older son respond?
9. Who do the characters in this parable represent?



The Father: \_\_\_\_\_ The younger son: \_\_\_\_\_

The older son: \_\_\_\_\_

10. How do you think the Pharisees and teachers of the law reacted to this parable? Why?
11. What do you think are the main lessons Jesus wants us to learn from this parable? (cf. also Luke 19:10)
12. How does this parable show us two ways to be lost?

#### ***Getting Personal***

- With what person in the parable do you identify most closely? Why?
- How can an attitude like that of the older brother keep us from partnering with God in reaching the lost?