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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

They Call it Grace

Ice-Breaker – How do you feel when other people get rewards greater than they deserve? How about when you get punishment less than you deserve?

How do you normally react when you feel you have been treated unfairly?

What causes us to harbor resentment when mercy is shown to someone else?

READ: Luke 15:11-24

How have you been like the prodigal son in this story?

What does the forgiving love of the father in this story represent?

How have you personally experienced the forgiving love of the Father?

Would that story of the prodigal son have ended differently if the son had not owned up to what he deserved?

Do you know what you deserve?

How should we react when a person comes to know Christ, especially those we perceive to be undeserving? Who are the people we tend to think don't deserve God's mercy?

How can you guard yourself against feeling resentment when God shows mercy to people you think don't deserve it?

How can you show compassion for those who have not believed in Christ?

What could you do to thank God for His amazing love for you today?

What does this parable reveal to you about our Heavenly Father's love?

To what "undeserving" person can you extend God's love and forgiveness this week? How?

Are you ready to step across the line and respond to the gift of God's grace today? What might keep you from it? How can a person overcome this temptation?