

November 11, 2018
Series: Country Roads
Part 3: Finding Your Way Back Home (The Prodigal Son)
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1. In honor of the country songs before the sermons during the series, do you like country music, and if so what is your favorite country singer and favorite country song?
2. Do you have a family member who was wounded or who died in conflict?
3. Could they say of you what they said of Jesus: “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them”?
4. What are some of the myths religious people believe about churches that welcome sinners?
5. Ted said WHFC is not interested in numbers but in what? (**How healthy the congregation is.**)
6. What attitude did Ted say Jesus was confronting in the parable of the Prodigal Son? (**The stinky, religious attitude**)
7. In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables to point out how important lost people are to God. Before talking about the lost son, he discusses the lost sheep and the lost coin.
 - *Have you ever lost an object or animal dear to you?
 - *How you ever lost an object or animal very important to you and then found it again?
 - *What does that tell you about God’s heart when his people are lost?
8. Read again the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32.
 - *Have you had or do you have a child that resembles the Prodigal Son? How did you deal with this as a follower of Jesus? Has your Prodigal returned yet?
 - *What in the parable of the Prodigal Son helps you most today?
9. What three things did Ted say we should never do when a prodigal returns?
Don’t remind them how bad they hurt you; Don’t recount every bad thing they’ve done; Don’t resist them until they prove it.)
10. Have you ever had a great celebration when a prodigal returned? What do you imagine your homecoming in heaven will be like?
11. Who is an “older son” and in what ways did the older son get it wrong in the parable?
12. How did you feel when you saw the pictures of Billy Graham with the four presidents—all four? What do you think about the acclaimed Christian singer Lauren Daigle being on Ellen? What lost person do you hang out with or can you begin to hang out with?