



Sermon Discussion Guide

April 6 & 7, 2024

"Walking in the Overflow"

[Luke 15:1-7](#)

This month's sermon series, "Hope Stories" highlight transformation only God can do. Jesus told a lot of stories. He told simple stories about everyday life to help his followers comprehend the deepest and most challenging spiritual truths. Good stories can be unforgettable, remind us of who we are, reveal truth, change our minds (repentance), turn us right side up, inspire us, and point us to a whole new (and better) way of life. Join us as we explore these stories.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [Isaiah 53:6](#)

- Do you identify at all with Alec's story? In what ways do we all fall away from God at some point? What brought you back to God after falling away? How did God get your attention again? When you've going the wrong way, how did that feel at first? Did it feel "right?" How easy is it to turn back to God when you're going the wrong way?

Read [Luke 15:1-7](#) - "The Parable of the Lost Sheep"

- What stands out to you from this parable? If you were the shepherd, would you go after the one? Where do you see yourself? What does this story tell you about God's character? How is that different from the way many people think about God?
- What does God feel about those who have turned away from him? Why so much rejoicing when someone comes back to God?

Read [John 10:11-16](#) - "The Good Shepherd and His Sheep"

- In what ways is God a shepherd? What makes him good? In what ways is he pursuing you right now? What does he want you to turn away from?

APPLY

Think and pray about the ways God is currently working in your life. What is he trying to teach you? Where in your life do you need to repent, turn back to God? Talk with your group members about this and help support each other. Pray that God would transform your heart to want the things that he wants.