



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *The Wizard of Oz:*

Heading for the True Home

Text: Luke 15:11-24

Service Date: August 9, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What is a place you have been to that made you really appreciate coming back home? What made home special to you?

Sermon Discussion

- Dorothy believed that if she could just get “somewhere else,” things would be better. Why do you think we are sometimes tempted to believe that changing our circumstances will solve what is really a heart issue?
- What are some modern-day versions of “Over the Rainbow”— things we may believe will finally make us happy or fulfilled if we could just have them?
- Read Luke 15:11-13. What do you think the younger son was really seeking when he asked for his inheritance? What does his decision reveal about his relationship with his father?
- The sermon pointed out that dissatisfaction can cause us to walk away from God when life becomes difficult. Why can hardship sometimes weaken our trust in God?
- How can we distinguish between a legitimate need for change in our circumstances and the false belief that “if I could just get somewhere else, everything would be better”?
- The sermon contrasted Dorothy's journey with the Prodigal Son's journey. What did each discover along the way that they didn't recognize when they first left home?
- Read Luke 15:13-16. What did the younger son discover about selfish living? Why do you think we sometimes have to experience the consequences of our choices before we recognize where we've gone wrong?
- Read Luke 15:17-20. The son “came to his senses.” What does genuine repentance look like in this passage? How is repentance more than simply feeling sorry for what we've done?
- The sermon described the son's discovery that “there's no one like my father.” What characteristics of the father in this story stand out to you most?

- Why do you think people sometimes picture God as distant, angry, or unwilling to receive them back? How does the father's response in Luke 15 challenge that picture of God?
- Augustine wrote, “You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.” What does this statement mean to you? Where do you see people trying to satisfy their restlessness with things other than God?
- The sermon said, “Discovery always should lead to a decision.” Why is recognizing a spiritual truth not enough? What decisions might God be asking someone to make after discovering His goodness?
- The father didn't merely allow the son to come home—he ran to meet him, embraced him, and celebrated his return. How should God's willingness to welcome us home affect the way we respond to people who are trying to return to God?

This Week's Action Response

Is there an area of your life where you have been trying to find fulfillment somewhere other than your Heavenly Father? What is one specific step you will take this week to “head home” by drawing closer to God?

Area in which I need to surrender: _____

Steps that I will take this week to make that happen: