



**MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 3 – THE LOST SONS**

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Luke 15:11-32

TWO WAYS OF BEING LOST

1. We can be lost due to _____
2. We can be lost due to _____

Both sons were lost because both sons _____

TWO RESPONSES TO BEING LOST

1. The _____ son's _____ him to
_____ his father's unconditional love
2. The _____ son's _____ him from
_____ his father's unconditional love

_____ **is never** _____

_____ **is always** _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Which of the two sons do you most resonate with?
2. What does it mean that the younger son came to his senses?
3. How did this affect his response?
4. What is surprising about the father's response to the younger son?
5. What is surprising about the older son's response to his younger brother?
6. What did the father do to try to bring the older son into the celebration?
7. How does this story represent the two ways we can be lost?
8. What are the two ways we can respond to our lostness?
9. Why do you think Jesus might have left the ending of the story unresolved?
10. What are some of the implications from this story for followers of Jesus?