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## ice breaker

Use one of the following questions to open up discussion. (If you have first-time guests, be sure to have people tell their names as they answer the icebreaker question.)

- 1 What is the poorest that you have ever been?
- 2 What is the furthest you have ever been from home either geographically or relationally?
- 3 What is the most valuable thing that you have ever lost and then found again? How did you feel when you lost it? When you found it?

## Our Mission

The Vineyard Church . . . continuing the work of Jesus.

## Upcoming Events

**Dream Lab:** Sunday, June 27, 9:15-10:15am, C2.

**VBS Volunteer Rally:** Sunday, June 27, 11am, C4. Volunteers still needed!

**VSB SonQuest Rainforest:** July 12-16, 6-8:30pm. For children entering preschool through fifth grade.

## Suggested Songs

Each week we will suggest several songs for you to use during worship time. Feel free to choose two or three of these songs, or you may choose your own songs. We will include pdf files of the lyrics and chords as an attachment to the Lifeline email.

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## Our Study: Our Extravagant Father

**objectives:** *As small group members and guests, we will:*

1. Understand that God's generosity goes beyond fairness.
2. Realize that each person is valuable to God and that God wants each one to return to him.
3. Identify specific ways that God is calling us to receive his lavish grace and extend it to others.

**study/prayer time:** *Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.*

1. In pairs or small groups, pray for your friends and loved ones who need Jesus.
2. Ask a few volunteers to read Luke 15:1-2, 11-16, 17-24 and 25-32. Ask: What stands out to you in this story?

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3. In this parable we see the two brothers in two completely different situations. Which one of the brothers do you identify with and why?
4. What do you think Jesus' main point in telling this story is?
5. The background to this story is Jesus' conflict with the Pharisees about how Jesus related to sinners. Why did Jesus and these religious leaders have such different attitudes toward "sinners?"
6. Who was furthest from God, the sinners or the Pharisees? What is a bigger barrier to God, sin or religiosity? Why?
7. How did Jesus see God the Father? How did the Pharisees see God? How do you tend to view God, more like Jesus or the Pharisees?
8. What group or groups of people do you tend to see as unreachable or far from God?
9. In what specific ways does this story encourage or challenge you personally?
10. After a time of worship, take time to listen to the Holy Spirit. What is he saying to your group? To your members personally? Move into smaller groups to share and pray with one another.