



## What In The World Was I Thinking

### Introduction:

All of us at one time or another have done something sinful and thought, *what in the world was I thinking*. Sometimes we wonder if we have gone too far, or if we have committed the *unpardonable sin*. The story of the prodigal son is that God has been waiting to throw a big party for prodigals who come home.

### Scriptures

Isaiah 55:6-9-NKJV

Luke 15:1-31-NKJV

Luke 19:10-NKJV

### Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus told not one but three stories. What are the similarities in the stories and why might he have told them?
2. It could be said that we are all *prodigal people*. In what area of your life have you (or have been tempted to) drifted away from God and have been restored?
3. Why is it that sometimes Christians have a difficult time with the idea of restoration?
4. Luke noted in the text that the prodigal *came to himself*. What does this mean to you?
5. Share with the group how God helped you to overcome a failure in your life and become a stronger Christian.
6. Based on the story in Luke 15 and your own experience with God's mercy, take a moment and write a brief prayer of gratitude.

### Moving Forward:

- Wrong thinking about God leads us away from The Father!
- Wrong thinking about God keeps us away from The Father!
- Right thinking about God leads us back to The Father!
- Right thinking about God keeps us in The Father!

### Changing Your Mind:

#### Love is a forgiving Father waiting to welcome me home!

- HOPE: In what area of my life has heartbreak caused me to lose hope?
- RECONCILIATION: What steps do I need to take on my journey back to God?
- RENEWAL: What do I need the Holy Spirit to accomplish in my life?
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*For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10-NKJV)*

