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"Catch People on the Bounce" Luke 15:11-32

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Gather

• Let's do something different today. Take just a moment and go around the group sharing a compliment or offering a positive word of affirmation to the person on your left.

Plant

- Read **Luke 15:1-7**. This three part parable tells us that heaven rejoices when something that is lost becomes found again. What does this part of the parable tell us about our heavenly Father and how He views us?
- How does knowing what God thinks about us and how He views us help us in viewing ourselves and the people around us?

Grow

- Read **Luke 15:11-32**. In what ways has God shown you mercy like he did to the younger brother?
- How does this parable challenge you to change your mindset towards others?
- Mark referenced how Bob Goff talks about catching people on the bounce meaning catching them after they've made a mistake but wrapping your arms around them like the father did to the son in the parable so they don't "hit the ground" again. What makes that difficult for us at times?

Harvest

- Why is it so important to react to those who have failed with compassion and understanding instead of disapproval or indifference?
- When has someone caught you "on the bounce" and what difference did it make in your life?

Prayers

• Share prayer requests and follow up on some of the requests from last week.