

Sunday, January 8, 2017
WELCOME HOME
Week 1: Surrendered
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Coming home...

Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

Big Idea: We want to create a _____ where people are _____
_____.

Luke 15:11-32

4 New Reflections From a Familiar Story

1. I am _____.

2. I need _____.

3. We are all capable of becoming _____.

4. We can help welcome _____.

Next steps:

1. Where am I in this story?
2. What's my next step?
3. How can I remember my need for a loving Father?
4. How can I help the people who are far from God but close to me?

Discussion Questions:

- Which of the four reflections was most challenging for you today?
- What new thing did you see today within this familiar story?
- Walk through the four next steps and answer the questions individually and as a group.
- How can you as an individual (and as a group) create a place where people are welcomed home?
- To what degree are you surrendered to the grace and mercy of the loving Father? (in contrast to reckless living or your own self-righteousness)
- As you have your "eyes on the road", who are you watching for, waiting for them to come home?
- Spend time as a group praying for the people you are watching and waiting for to come home.