WHAT DO YOU SEE?

How would you describe the father, the younger son, and the older son?

How does the son's plan to return home compare with his father's response?

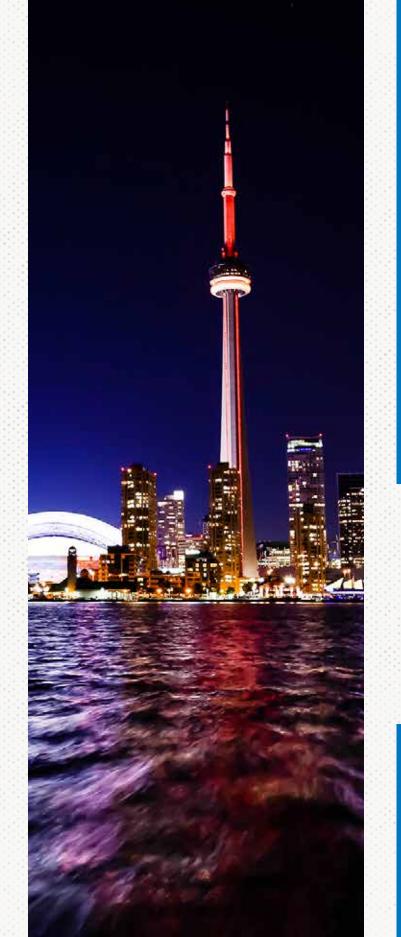
What keeps the older son from joining the celebration?

SHARE

What action in this story surprises you most? Why?

Which son do you identify with most? Why?

What do you learn about what it means to enter the kingdom of God?



RESPOND

For those learning about Jesus: What do you think your life would be like if you "returned home" to God? If God exists, what would you like him to do for you?

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For those following Jesus: How would your life be different if you accepted that everything your Father has is also yours (v. 31)?

DEBRIEF

How did you experience God's mercy and generosity this week?

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