

SHALOM AT HOME

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MY SERMON NOTES

"I'm Coming Home"

Message by Vernon Gordon, Lead Pastor

Scripture Reference: Luke 15:11-24

My Biggest Takeaways:

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Take about 30-40 min to engage in discussion. Feel free to start off by asking everyone to introduce themselves if they haven't already. Pick a few questions below to use as a guide to your discussion. Remember, you can be organic and don't have to ask every question.

Shalom

In scripture, "Shalom" is the last word of the priestly blessing, found in the oldest known fragment of the biblical text, Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you shalom."

Shalom Vision

Here at TLC, we believe we are better together. Shalom was created to build community and grow together. A space where every person can be seen, known, and loved.

The church has never been about a building; we believe it's time to start acting like it. Let's see Shalom, Let's grow together.

– Vernon Gordon, Lead Pastor

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

Have you experienced a "coming home moment"? If so, please explain.

02

Pastor Vernon describes the three enemies of the prodigal son's return home as distance, shame, and imagination. Which can you relate to and why?

03

Pastor Vernon quotes Brené Brown in the following statement "Guilt says this what I've done, shame says this is who I am." Who do you believe God says you are?

04

In the story, the father runs to meet the prodigal son who is traveling home. Has God ever met you halfway? Please explain.

05

Which of the 6 prayer implications have you seen in your life through prayer? And how have you seen this played out through prayer?



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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Now, let's read Luke 15:1-32. Discuss the questions below:

- Notice that both of the sons received their inheritance when the younger one asked. Why is this significant?
- What does the father do to make the prodigal son feel at home?
- What does the passage teach through the older son's response?
- What do we learn about God's responsibility vs. man's responsibility in regard to salvation from these two parables?
- What else stuck out to you through this passage of scripture?