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“A Place to Belong” February 9, 2020 - Brent Parker

Gather

- How many of you made a new year’s resolution – and are you still holding to that resolution?

Plant

- What does it take to feel like you belong somewhere (whether it’s a club, a group, etc.)? And in the same way, what is it that makes you feel like you do not belong or are not welcome in a certain group?
- **Read Luke 15:3-7.** What do you think the motivation is for the shepherd to go find the lost sheep? How does the shepherd act when he finds the lost sheep?
- Have you ever wandered from your faith? What were the circumstances that caused you to wander or walk away? Who helped you find your way back?

Grow

- Read **Luke 15:11-19.** Compare the two places where the younger son was trying to belong (family home vs the distant country). What do you think he was looking for in each place and what was the reality he experienced?
- Read **Luke 15:20-24.** What are all of the extravagant responses that the father had for his lost son and how did he show his son that he still belonged in his family?
- Read **Luke 15:25-32.** How does the father remind the older son that he also has a place to belong?
- The father shows compassion to both sons even though they have different reactions. In what ways has the Father shown you compassion even in your wandering or your negative attitude/behavior?

Harvest

- What are some things that we do or say (intentionally or not) that might make someone feel like they are not welcome at our church? How could we change these behaviors or actions in order that everyone could feel like they are part of our family?
***If you have any new and exciting ideas for hospitality that come out of your discussion, please email Mark and Susan – we’re always looking for ways to make people feel welcomed!*

Prayers

- I love the story of Jack Abernathy who goes around telling people, “hey, God loves you”. As you share prayer requests, will you also look at each other and be sure to tell each person that God loves them.