





Small Group/ Reflection Notes

05-01-2025		The return	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What was your Christmas/ New Year like?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What, if anything, have you <i>returned</i> after the Christmas/ NYE break? <input type="checkbox"/> What do you <i>want</i> to return to in 2025? e.g. routine, habit... <input type="checkbox"/> What <i>are</i> you returning <i>to</i> in 2025? e.g. context, situation... <input type="checkbox"/> What's the <i>hardest</i> part of returning? <input type="checkbox"/> What's the <i>best</i> part of returning?		
 Read	<u>Luke 15:11-32</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.11-12</u> : What might have changed with the younger son? If dissatisfaction has 'push' and 'pull' factors, what might have been pushing him to detach/ turn away (emotionally, if not physically at this point)? What might have been pulling him away? How might family dynamics have contributed? When have push/pull factors caused you to detach from others? From church? From God? How did the Father respond? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.13-16</u> : For the younger son, push/pull was not a 'single moment', but a series of steps. What might they have been? How might he have rationalised these to himself? What happened to him? What did he lose? What else? Would his earlier self ever have imagined he be the kind of person who ended up like this? What does this say to you/ us? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.17-20</u> : What brought the younger son to his senses? Have you ever hit 'rock bottom'? How do you know when you've reached the bottom? What does it take to <i>return</i> ? What does returning involve? (turning). Why is the first step (the turn) the hardest? What's been your experience of returning to others? To church? To God? Why do we <i>all</i> need to do this and daily?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> How can siblings often be so different, even when they have so much in common? <input type="checkbox"/> Why can sibling dynamics sometimes be complicated? <input type="checkbox"/> What effect can sibling comparisons sometimes have? <input type="checkbox"/> What makes for healthy sibling relationships?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent are you orientating yourself towards God or away from God?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Make same healthy resolutions for 2025, covering, for example, your social, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.		

 Pray	
 My questions:	

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