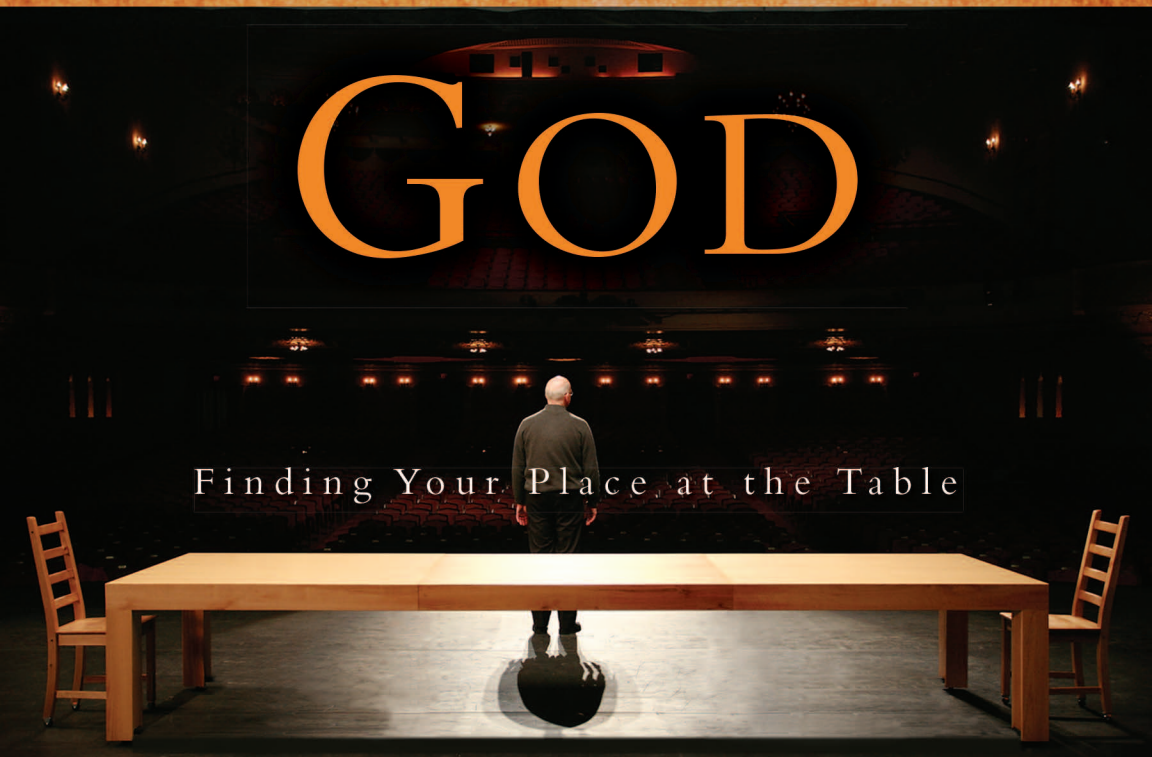
Discussion Guide

THE PRODIGAL GOD

Finding Your Place at the Table



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Session One

The Parable

In Preparation

- If time allows, begin with some form of worship; for example, sing a song or read a psalm aloud.
- As you begin this series, pray that God would grant you a fresh understanding of the gospel and that you and your group would be enlightened and helped by the parable.
- Briefly answer the following questions aloud:
  What was your reason for coming to this study?
  Have you read *The Prodigal God* book?
- Read Luke 15:1–3, 11–32 aloud (you can find this Scripture on pages 8–9 of this guide), then watch The Prodigal God Film (38 minutes). There is room to take notes on the following page.

DVD Notes

Group Discussion Questions

1. Was there anything from the DVD that was new to you or had an effect on you? Did you hear anything that raised questions in your mind?

2. Who do you identify with more, the younger brother or the elder brother? Why?

3. How close is a great feast to your idea of heaven?

4. Is there anything you would like the group to pray for you personally or as a result of what you saw on the DVD?

In Closing

- Pray for each other in light of your answers to question 4.
- If possible, allow time for the group to have coffee or a meal together, in order to deepen relationships with one another.
- Over the next five sessions we will be reading *The Prodigal God* book and discussing it together. Before the next session please read the Introduction and Chapter One. As you read, keep track of, underline, or mark (e.g., with a "?" or "!") anything you would like to discuss, question, or comment on when we next meet. There is room to take notes on the following pages.

Notes on the Introduction

Notes on Chapter One

SESSION ONE NOTES FOR LEADERS

Question 1

Your group may have questions after watching the DVD that will be answered in greater depth when they have read *The Prodigal God* book and worked through the questions in this guide. It is not necessary to answer all the comments and questions in great detail at this point.