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“Connecting With God” —Luke 15

Getting Started

How connected are you? Put a check by all the ways that you are connected below and see who in your group is the most connected.

	Weekly (5 points)	Daily(10 points)	Hourly (20 points)
Email _____			
Facebook _____			
Instagram _____			
Snap chat _____			
Linkedin _____			
Twitter _____			
Text _____			
Total _____			

The ways we can connect with people seem to be ever increasing. Do you think these new ways to connect have drawn us closer to people?

What are some ways technology can help us connect better with God?

Do you think these new ways to connect have drawn us closer to God?

Going Deeper

What was one thought or idea that made the biggest impact on you from Sunday’s message?

Read [Luke 15:1-2](#) & [11-32](#). What word or phrase or idea about connecting with God jumped out at you from this passage?

- Which brother in the story can you relate to the most?
- What are the dangers to being close to God that a younger brother faces?
- What are the dangers to being close to God that an older brother faces?

On Sunday John made this comment *“I can look close to God but really be very far from God.”* How have you seen the truth of this statement played out in your life or the lives of others?

Read [Matthew 15:7-8](#). What life truth is Jesus trying to communicate when he made this statement?

Read the following quotes and discuss them as a group

“Why is it so important to know that Jesus exposes elder-brother lostness as being as wrong and destructive as younger-brother lostness? The elder brothers of the world desperately need to see themselves in this mirror.... The younger brother knew he was alienated from the father, but the elder brother did not. That’s why elder-brother lostness is so dangerous. Elder brothers don’t go to God and beg for healing from their condition. They see nothing wrong with their condition, and that can be fatal.”

“As long as you are trying to earn your salvation by controlling God through goodness, you will never be sure you have been good enough for him. You simply aren’t sure God loves and delights in you.”

-The Prodigal God, Tim Keller.

Read [Ephesians 3:16-19](#). How do these verses answer the “Do it yourself” attitude that some Christians struggle with?

How would your life be different if you lived it knowing “God, your grace is enough.”

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