

The Running God

Read Luke 15. The whole chapter.

- Philip said the Pharisees were the good guys. A popular movement of religious reformation. Why is it that sincere believers often end up missing God's heart and purposes? Are we in danger of repeating their mistakes?
- Luke 15 contains a trinity of stories to reflect the trinity heart of God for the lost. What does this tell us? What particular emphasis does each story add to your understanding of God's heart?
- Philip said that to understand the point of the story, we have to read the *end* of the story in the light of the *beginning* of the story. Was this helpful? Does it make sense? And how does it change our view of the Parable of the Prodigal Son?
- Older Brother Syndrome means we underestimate how great God's love is and how big God's heart is. How does this manifest in your experience? Can you identify with the older brother?
- When we think of church – particularly with the changes coming up – do we worry that God's heart isn't big enough for us?
- What next? Jesus lets us finish the story for ourselves. How can we respond to his invitation to embrace the lost and go after the sinner? What could that look like for us as a Hub, for us as a church?

Take some time to pray for each other. Pray for the church in this time of transition. Pray for Philip & Kate as they seek God for their future.