

SESSION 3

PURPOSE  
IN FAMILY

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 PRAY

We suggest you start with this simple prayer.

*Heavenly Father, we pray for our time together now. Would you help us see what purpose means in our family relationships. Amen.*

 READ

Read Luke 15:11–32

 WATCH

Watch the session 3 video, available from the *On Purpose* webpage.

 DISCUSS

1. Is there a specific character in the story of the prodigal son that stands out to you? What strikes you most about them and their actions?
2. Consider the older brother for a moment. What does his bitterness reveal about what he feels his purpose was in his family? What is he missing? Is there a comparison between him and the religious leaders Jesus regularly came into contact with?
3. If your prayers for one of your relatives were all answered tomorrow, what would happen?
4. Which of grace and humility do you feel you need to grow more of for your family relationships?
5. What practical thing are you going to do tonight or tomorrow relating to your family with fresh vision of purpose? A text, a call, booking a train home – whatever it is, what will you **do**?

 PRAY

You'll need someone to lead this.

It's time to pray again. We're going to use our imaginations. In a moment of quiet, shut your eyes, and imagine a family situation in your head that you want to pray for.

Imagine the situation as it is now. People, faces, activities, FaceTimes, kitchen tables, birthday celebrations.

Now, think about how you want it to be. Does the activity change? What's happening on people's faces? What are they feeling? No words. Just imagine a picture.

God is seeing and hearing your prayer for your family.

To close, say together: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.*