Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An eye-witness account of Jesus' life, written by Luke.

It was unheard of for a son to ask for his inheritance early and in Jewish law the inheritance could only be collected after his father's death.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus tells a story about a son who rudely takes his inheritance early. After spending all the money, he comes back in repentance to his father who celebrates his return.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 11: RESPONDING TO MISTAKES

Luke 15:11 – 24 (NIV)

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one
said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his
property between them.
13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a
distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had
spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he
began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that
country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his
stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him
anything.
17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired
servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out
and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against
heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make
me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father.
"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with
compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed
him.
21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against
you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it
on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened
calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was
dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to
celebrate.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

Everyone makes mistakes, especially in healthcare, and it is really hard to be honest and come clean. What does it mean to you that no matter your mistakes, God celebrates you? Talk in pairs or small groups to confess where you have made mistakes, then thank God that He has forgiven you!

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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