STUDY QUESTIONS

THE PRODIGAL GOD

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Chapter Two

- 1. Continue the comparison of the elder and younger son on the Venn diagram with descriptive words for each heart attitude and character. *
- 2. What emotion(s) might the younger son's sinful request for his inheritance have stirred in Jesus' listeners?
- 3. The father's compliance with the younger son's request seemed absurd to Jesus' listeners. Does it seem absurd to you? Why or why not?
- 4. When the son comes to his senses and makes plans to make restitution to the father, has he repented at this point? What in your understanding of repentance?
- 5. What does the father require of the younger son for restoration? How does this principle impact your heart?
- 6. How does the elder son disgrace his father? What is his sin?
- 7. The elder son makes a claim to his rights. What claim of "rights" does a person have with God, our Father?
- * Looking at the Venn diagram (see handout from 5/29), ponder what is common to all of us and why Tim Keller's subtitle is "Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith".