

Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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“Redemption ” - #1 in the series *You Belong: The Great Invitation of the Gospel*

**Texts Referenced (NIV):** Luke 15:11-24

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Consider the following explanation of *belonging* by Kim Samuel, researcher and author of [The New Psychology of Belonging](#).  
*“Belonging isn’t just a connection to other people, but also to place, power, and purpose. The experience of belonging is about connectedness through community, as well as rootedness in a place, a feeling of ownership in shared outcomes, and a sense of mission with others.”*
  - What are examples of when you’ve felt a sense of belonging?
  - What has been your experience of not feeling you belong?
3. **Read Luke 15: 11-19.**  
When the younger son left his family home, he soon found himself where he didn’t belong.
  - Why do you think the father agreed to grant his younger son’s request for his inheritance?
  - Beyond the famine and his loss of resources, what contributed to the younger son coming “to his senses”?
4. **Read Luke 15: 20-24.**  
Upon his return home, the son experienced true redemption - repentance, forgiveness, and restoration.
  - Why is it significant the father didn’t mention his son’s transgression?
  - How do you imagine this story of redemption would have been received by those listening?
5. **Read Ephesians 1:7-8a.**
  - In what ways have you experienced the “lavish” nature of God’s grace?
  - What can redemption look like at Hope - making it a place to belong?
6. How can we pray for you?