

## **A Better story - Week 1 - When God shocks you (eyes of the Father)**

### **Getting started**

What's people's favourite story and why?

### **Getting stuck in**

- Stories are powerful, why do you think that is?

Jesus was the greatest storyteller and 3 he told have become world famous - Turn to Luke 15.

Read the first 2 stories, the shepherd and the widow.

- What are the themes that Jesus brings out in these stories?
- Why was this a good way to answer the criticism he was facing from the religious leaders?

Then comes the main story the prodigal son.....

Read Luke 15 v. 11-32

- What do you love about this story?
- What challenges you?

We are looking at this for 3 weeks through the eyes of each character....

When you look at it through the eyes of the father....

- How would you have reacted if you were that father?
- Why is this so powerful when we consider the Father represents God?
- If we are meant to journey forwards becoming more like the father what are the implications for us?

### **Getting personal**

- Where do you need to run towards the father right now?

Spend some time praying for each other....

Do we know any "prodigals" we'd love to see return home to God?

Pray for them.....could you invite them to church these next few weeks?

