Going Deeper Questions- March 3- Tim Schroeder

1. Whether on your own or in a discussion group setting compose2 lists under the following headings: Commonly Held Views of God & My Usual View of God. Now jot down the main thesis of Luke 15 that, "There is a God Who will do whatever it takes to redeem lost, broken, vulnerable people." Think about or discuss why our typical views of God are so different from the Luke 15 view.
2. At whatever level you are comfortable, describe your own personal experience of feeling lost, broken or vulnerable. Since these are such common experiences why do we work so hard to pretend we have it all together?
3. Is it true in your experience that in those moments when you are most in need of God there's a tendency to think He's against you? Why? Where did the idea come from that if god was on our side everything would go smoothly? If you've learned to sense God's closeness in life's dark moments, what has helped you arrive at that point?
4. Discuss ways to help people (including the person you see in the mirror) accept the fact that there are no 2nd class members of God's family.