

## WEEK TWO – Sunday 9 August 2020

This week's video is around the story of Kyle - a participant in the Tumbelin program. The video reflects that while all people were made in the image of God, for many, life's circumstances have distorted their capacity to recognise that image and that helping people to see the goodness of God in themselves, others and the world is part of the work of redemption.

### Prayer:

Jesus,

We come to you in worship and thanksgiving. Thank you for the safe havens you provide for us when we are hurting, struggling, confused and lost.

Thank you that you are a God of second, third, fourth... countless chances.

Remind us that you revealed yourself in your parables as the Father God who picks up the lengths of your tunic and runs towards your prodigal sons and daughters to embrace us, to welcome us, to offer us life and belonging with you.

May we be those who celebrate the homecomings of others,

May we be communities who encourage those only considering turning home, and make smooth the path before them.

And may we be people on the look-out for those far from home, yet unsure they want to try returning.

May we search with your perseverance for the one, when 99 are safe and sound, May our kindness and grace be a light that shines the way home for each other.

Amen

### Suggested Bible reading:

Luke 14:12-14: <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

### Questions for reflection:

- Where do we see the Kingdom of God at work in the story?
- What inspired you in the story?
- What challenges us?