

The Heart of the Matter

12. Comparing yourself to the two brothers in this parable, which one are you the most like? How so?

13. How have you experienced God the same way the prodigal son experienced his father? How have you been received by your heavenly father?

14. Is it easy for you to be critical of other believers who either wrestle with their faith or who are successful? How so?

15. Who do you need to receive the same way your heavenly father has received you through Christ?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Prodigal Father Luke 15:11-32 For the Week of June 16, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Did you ever run away from home? Where did you go? What happened?
3. Who was the "obedient" one in your family? The "wild" one? Which were you? How did everyone get along?

Digging Deeper

4. From Luke 15:1-2 what is the context of Jesus sharing the following three parables: The Lost Sheep (15:3-7); The Lost Coin (15:8-10); The Prodigal Son (15:11-31)? Initially what can be learned about the characters in the parable of The Prodigal Son in verses 11-12?

5. In verses 13-20, how would you describe the various stages that the younger son went through in his pilgrimage to a “far country.” What brings him to his senses? What does he finally realize? What new attitude does he use to approach his father?

6. What is so remarkable about the son’s confession to his father in verse 21?

7. According to verses 22-24 how does the father receive his son? How is the father’s love extravagant?

8. According to verses 25-30, how does the older brother feel about his father’s acceptance of his younger brother? How does his father try to reassure him in verses 31-32?

9. How does this parable answer the objections that the Pharisees had with Jesus in verses 1-2? What is Jesus trying to communicate with the Pharisees with His words in verses 25-31?

10. Throughout Luke 15 Jesus makes an incredible point about the importance of finding and saving that which has been lost. How is the account of Zacchaeus in 19:1-9 the ultimate capstone to Jesus’ teaching in Luke 15?

11. In light of the parable’s context in verse 2 why does Jesus leave the story open-ended as to how the older brother responded to his father’s plea?