

Prodigal
Jesus: God Revealed!
Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of July 15, 2015
Main Point: Jesus is great at changing people's stories.
Luke 15:11-32

CONNECT

What's the latest picture you put up on Instagram or another social network?

What is the story behind that picture?

Why do you think pictures mean so much to us?

Why do you think Jesus used these word pictures in His teaching?

LEARN

Have a volunteer read Luke 15:11-16.

When the son asks for his inheritance what is he really saying to his father?

Imagine you were the father in this story: how would you feel if your son tells you, "I want my share of the inheritance?"

How does the father in the parable respond? How is that different from how you would respond?

What does the father's response teach us about God the Father?

Have a volunteer read Luke 15:16-24.

The boy has gone from the penthouse to the pigpen—he squandered his inheritance, every penny. He's learning the hard way that the world will take everything you have and give you nothing that you need.

Why is it important for us to understand this?

What is different about the younger son when he returns home? Is he coming back only because he's broke?

What does the father do when he sees his son coming? Why does this matter?

Look at verse 20. How does the father's response effect how you think about God?

Have a volunteer read Luke 15:25-32.

Why do you think the older son is so angry? What is surprising about his response?

What does his interaction with his father reveal about how he sees himself?

How does an attitude of self-righteousness affect our relationship with God?

How are we doing as a church at welcoming “younger brothers” into our community? Where can we grow in this area?

SERVE

Which of the brothers do you identify with the most? Why?

Do you rejoice when lost people are found? Why or why not?

How might God want to change us in light of His amazing love for the lost as seen in this parable?

PRAYER

Thank God for His grace that He gives to older and younger sons alike. Pray that His grace would transform the life of your group members and would lead you to share His grace with others



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