

Small Group Guide

Luke 15:11-32

From the sermon - Lost Part III



"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."

Luke 15:24

Discuss

1. Being lost can be disorienting and frightening all at the same time. But when you don't realize you are lost that can be a whole different story. Have you ever had a time in your life where you realized that you were spiritually lost (whether saved or unsaved)? What did you do in that situation?
2. Why did the prodigal son want his father's inheritance? When did it hit him that he had made a bad decision?
3. The prodigal son had no expectation of being fully restored in his Father's house but he was. (Luke 15:18-19) Have you ever had a time in your life where you felt that you didn't deserve God's acceptance? What does God's acceptance and joy of repentant sinners say about God's character?
4. Why was the older brother in this parable so angry at this particular situation? What do you think your reaction would be if you were in his shoes?
5. What does the Father's reaction to the prodigal son say about our heavenly Father when it comes to repentant sinners? (Luke 15:20,22-24)
6. What does the father's reaction to the older son say about the older son's heart? What part of the picture was the older son missing? (Luke 15:25-32)

Next small group meets February 24th