

TRUE STORY WK8

Psalm 51:3-4; Isaiah 55:6-7; Luke 15:1-3 & 11-32; John 1:12; Acts 3:19; Romans 5:8, 8:15-17; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 2:1-5; 1 John 1:9

Sin promises _____ but leads us into _____.

_____ isn't just feeling _____. It's _____ around and going to the Father.

_____ receives our _____ but refuses our attempt to _____ restoration.

_____ - _____ obeys God to _____ from God.

_____ says, "I don't need the Father." _____ - _____ says, "The Father owes me."

Jesus offers everyone _____ and _____ to come home to the Father.

MY NOTES | OBSERVATIONS | QUESTIONS**GUEST CONNECT****NEXT STEPS**

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PRAYER REQUEST**DONATE**

Discussion Guide

1. What is one thing from the message that God used to encourage, challenge, or grow you?
2. Have you wandered from someone you loved or tried to earn someone's approval through your behavior. How did that experience affect the way you viewed yourself and the relationship? Share your story.
3. Our culture often describes freedom as living on our own terms and worth as something we prove through success, achievement, or good behavior. Why do you think that is? Share your thoughts.
4. Read Luke 15:1–2. What stands out to you in this passage? What questions do you have after reading this text?
5. Read Luke 15:11–24. What did the younger son's choices reveal about his relationship with his father? What evidence of repentance do you see in his decision to return, and what does the father's response reveal about grace, forgiveness, and restoration?
6. Read Luke 15:25–32. How was the older son lost even though he never physically left home? What do his anger and words reveal about self-righteousness, and how does the father show compassion toward him?
7. Read Romans 3:23–24. Both sons needed something they could not earn, and the same is true for us. How does the Gospel show that forgiveness, restoration, and salvation are gifts of grace received through faith in Jesus rather than rewards for good behavior?
8. Grace is needed by all. Who is one person where you live, learn, work, or play whom you can begin praying for and intentionally help move closer to Jesus this week? Share with the group so we can pray for you.
9. Take a few minutes to SOAP through the passages referenced in the message today. These are found on the top of the notes page. You may want to include verses before/after the passage listed too. Share your insights with the group.

Scripture:

Observations:

Application:

Prayer:

Prayer Requests: