



Revealing God's Radical Love

Luke 15:11-32 – April 18th, 2021

Weekly Discussion & Study Guide

This guide, beginning with Sunday's main Bible passage, provides additional study and reflection for group discussions and/or personal study. Our prayer is this guide will help you learn from God's Word this week so you and others can thrive in Christ!

- A) What is a thing, news, or experience that you were excited to tell someone about recently?
- B) What is something that you found interesting, helpful, or challenging from Sunday's sermon or Bible passage?
- C) Look at Luke 15:11-13. How would you describe the younger son's attitude? What were the consequences (15:14-16) to him? In 15:17-19, how did his attitude change? How did his father respond (15:20-24) to his return?

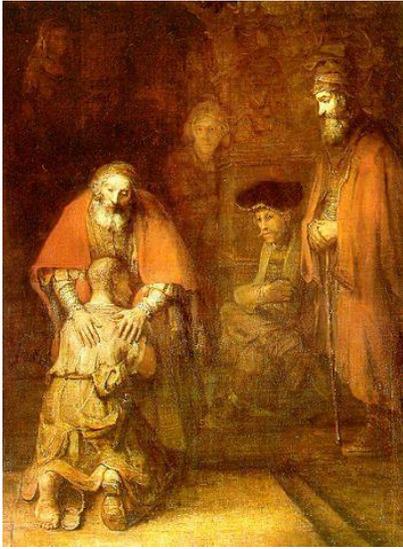
D) Learning from Luke 15:25-30, how did the older son feel about his brother's repentance? What did this reveal about how the older brother viewed his father? How did his father respond? What does this teach about God?

E) What similarities do you see between the "older brother" of Luke 15:25-30 and the religious leaders (Luke 15:1-2) listening to Jesus tell this parable? Now move to Matthew 23:13-36. How many "woes" does Jesus pronounce upon these religious leaders? What do the "woes" Jesus spoke here teach us about what God truly cares about?

F) How does Romans 8:28-30 describe how we become part of God's eternal family (8:29)? Is it contingent upon our choice? Yet, according to Romans 10:9-10, what actions bring us salvation? How can the truth God directed Paul to write in both Romans 8:28-30 and 10:9-10 fit together?

G) The "younger son" of Luke 15:11-24 rebelled, but then returned to God in repentance. In what ways have you rebelled against our Heavenly Father? In what ways have you returned and repented? What did you learn about God from those experiences? How did God help grow you through those "prodigal son" chapters of your life?

H) Instead of celebrating the return and restoration of his younger brother, the "older brother" of Luke 15:25-30 is dismissive and angry. How have you worked hard to be religious? Does it seem unfair when people make it into God's Family "by the skin of their teeth?" Is it difficult for you to forgive these people? Ask God to help you understand His grace more, and to help you extend grace to other people more too!



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The intensity of God's love inspires
a deeper connection with Him.

Additional Resources

Introduction Notes:

John 14:9, John 10:30

Luke 15:2

Matthew 23

Six Truths of the Love of God to Live By

God Lets Us Choose *Luke 15:11-16*

Joshua 24:14-15

Revelation 3:20

1 Corinthians 10:13

God is Good *Luke 15:17-19*

1 Chronicles 16:34

James 1:17

Nahum 1:7

God is Compassionate *Luke 15:20*

God is Forgiving *Luke 15:21-24*

1 John 1:9

God Pursues Connection *Luke 15:25-28*

God is Affirming *Luke 15:29-32*

Nahum 1:7, Ephesians 1:3, Deuteronomy 31:6

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Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Grow in God by going straight to the Source: soak in the Scriptures with us this week!

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| 1. Monday, Apr 19 | Luke 14:1-6 |
| 2. Tuesday, Apr 20 | Luke 14:7-11 |
| 3. Wednesday, Apr 21 | Luke 14:12-24 |
| 4. Thursday, Apr 22 | Luke 15:1--7 |
| 5. Friday, Apr 23 | Luke 15:8-10 |