

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Scripture: Luke 15:25-32



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The gospel shows us that it is not by our moral record that God accepts us; instead, it is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ's righteousness and atoning work that we receive forgiveness of sin and a right relationship with God.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. How does the parable of the two sons connect with the two previous parables (verses 1-10)?
2. Summarize the first part of this parable. What does it teach us about sin and the nature of God?
3. Why was the older brother angry with his father and refused to attend his brother's homecoming party (verses 28-30)?
4. Based on this parable, what are the two methods we use to justify ourselves? Who do you identify with most, the older or younger brother?
5. Like the older son in this parable, how do we attempt to place God in our debt? What does it look like for God to be our ultimate treasure?
6. How did the older son's refusal to join the party affect the family? What does the Father's response teach us about God (verses 27, 31-32)?
7. What does the text teach us about forgiveness?
8. Discuss how this parable illustrates the gospel (Hebrews 11:2).