



Groups Questions // Mark Clark (March 8, 2020)

Message Recap: Mark spoke about the Parable of two Lost Sons (popularly referred to as the Parable of the Prodigal Son). He outlined two ways a person can be lost. We were challenged to consider which son we identify with.

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Getting Started:

Thinking back on Mark's Message, what was one point or story that stood out to you? Share why it stood out to you.

Mark shared about his journey to faith and his first experience with church. What kept you in the church initially, and what keeps you in the church today?

What role has evidence played in your faith journey?

In your experience does Canadian culture leave room for objective morality?

Read Luke 15:11-32

How do you imagine the Father felt hearing this request from his younger son? (Verse 12) How would Jesus' first listeners experience the story?

Is there anything in the passage that surprises you, frustrates you, or causes you to think? Why?

What are the modern-day equivalents of the following three details noted in the passage?

- The son finding himself hungry and feeding pigs. (Verse 16)
- The Father giving his son a robe, ring, killing the fattened calf and hosting a feast. (Verses 22,23)
- The other son in the fields working. (Verse 25)

Why does this passage continue to resonate with people today? What in this story resonates with you specifically?

This story shows God pursuing humanity. (Verses 12, 20) What are other stories from scripture that illustrate God pursuing humanity? (Bonus: Read the passage you are reminded of, and look for similarities with Luke 15). How have you seen God pursue you in your life?

How could this passage challenge the way you think about your position before God? How does the way the two sons react to their father provide a framework for how we should respond to God?

Which son do you most closely identify with today? Was there a season in life where you more closely identified with the other son?

Moving Forward:

Mark said 'Salvation changes not only what you do, but what you want to do.' How does the Father's response to you make you want to live differently this week? Which of your attitudes and actions need to change?

Have you had an experience of God speaking directly to you that required obedience? Jeff's new series is going to be about hearing from God. What can you do this week to prepare to hear from God in the upcoming series?