



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"The Two Lost Sons"
Luke 15:11-32

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Before we look at the Parable of the Two Lost Sons, we need to understand the context. Read *Luke 15:1-2*. Who was Jesus telling these three lost parables to?
- 2) Read *Luke 15:11-32*. Who represented the younger son in the story? Who represented the older son? Who represented the father?
- 3) Tertullian said, "Just as Jesus was crucified between two thieves, so the gospel is ever crucified between two errors: license and legalism." The younger son represented license and was seen as an immoral outsider who outwardly sinned. The older son represented legalism and was seen as a moral insider who inwardly sinned. Why are both ways sinful and dangerous?
- 4) Read *Luke 15:11-19; Deuteronomy 21:18-21*. What made the younger son's acts of disobedience so disrespectful? How could the father have responded?
- 5) Read *Luke 15:20-24*. How did the father respond when his younger son returned home? Why did he not go out and look for his son like the shepherd and the woman who lost her coin?
- 6) Read *Luke 15:25-30; Luke 18:9-14*. What made the older son's response to his father so disrespectful? How was his responses similar to the Pharisee's prayer in *Luke 18:9-14*?
- 7) Who do you tend to emulate more: the younger or older son? Why? What do you need to repent over today?

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Luke 15:22-24* – *But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."*
- 2) Read *Luke 15:1-2; 11-32*. Make sure to explain to your kids who Jesus was talking to when He told this parable and tell them who the younger son, older brother, and the father represent.
- 3) Talk with your children about how both brothers in the parable were lost. Explain to them how we can outwardly sin like the younger brother and how we can inwardly sin like the older brother. Tell them how both ways of sinning are wrong.