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The Father's Love (Luke 15:11-23)
Life Group Questions – October 4, 2020



Connect & Review

1. As a child/teen, what room in your home had the warmest memories for you?

Investigate & Dig

2. Read Luke 15:11-24. What word, phrase or sentence grabs your attention?
3. Luke 15:11-32 is commonly called "The Parable Of The Prodigal Son." If, instead of wayward, the word "prodigal" actually means "extremely generous, recklessly extravagant & lavish," what might a better title for this parable be? Share your title.
4. Jeff shared this quote from Eugene H. Peterson: "*As people heard Jesus tell these stories...they relaxed their defenses. They walked away perplexed, wondering what they meant, the stories lodged in their imagination. And then, like a time bomb, they would explode in their unprotected hearts. He was talking about God; they had been invaded!*" Why is a story or word picture a very helpful teaching tool when describing God's love? Explain.
5. When you read about the younger son, what goes through your mind? In what ways do you relate or not relate to him? Share with the group.
6. Jesus' original listeners were shocked by the way Jesus describes the father here. What pictures do most people have of God that are different from what Jesus portrays here?

Apply & Respond

7. When, if ever, did you first sense God's love for you? Share how it affected you.
8. Have someone in the group close in prayer, asking the Heavenly Father to fill your group with love for "ones" who have not yet experienced Him like the younger son did.