

DISCUSSION GUIDE

AS TOLD BY JESUS – Prodigal Son

Key Scriptures:

Luke 15:11-24,28-32 ; Ephesians 2:8-9

Getting Started:

1. How many of you have siblings? If so are they older or younger? Can you recall a time that you had a disagreement with a sibling or close friend.
2. Are you more of a "I'm gonna live forever kind of guy/girl or are you the more responsible of your siblings?
3. What stood out to you most from this week's message?

Digging Deeper:

4. In Luke 15 Jesus tells a series stories. The first is the parable of the lost sheep, and the second is the lost coin, lastly the prodigal son. What are the similarities and the differences between the three stories?
5. Of the three stories what subtle differences do you see in the descriptions of the character of God?
6. How do you think you would have responded if you are the older brother in this story?
7. Why is it so easy for us to lose the heart of God when it comes to people far from Him?
8. Andy mentioned four pictures of prodigal love of God that Jesus want us to see. Of the four which one resonates the most with how you picture God the Father?

Looking Inward:

9. Andy mentioned two tensions we wrestle with in the parable. The first "That is too easy" and the second "That is too much. Which tension do wrestle with more? Why?
10. Are you able to see both sides of the tension, and why each side would feel validated?

Next Steps:

1. This week set apart some intentional time to sit down and make a list of ways that you relate to both sons in the story.
2. Which son do you relate with most?
3. What do you need to repent of this week to receive the forgiveness that only the Father can give?