

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE March 24, 2024 | "Two Lost Sons"

1) Share about a memorable moment that you lost something.

2) Have you ever been lost? What did it feel like when you were found or found the right way?

MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1)Share about something from the passage, service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.

2) Read Luke 15:1-31 together.

3) How do the first two parables portray the significance of what was lost and the desire for that thing to be found? What do these parables teach you about God?

4) What was a kezazah ceremony? How does Jesus' parable of the prodigal son show the opposite?

5) What three things does the father give to his son as a demonstration of his sonship? What do these gifts show us about the father?

6) When can obedience be wrong?

7) Which son do you identify with most? What has been your greatest obstacle to a vibrant relationship with God?

8) Read **1 John 3:1** & **Romans 8:16-17** together. Share one benefit we receive because of God's immeasurable and sacrificial love for us.

GOING DEEPER _____

READ Ephesians 2:1-10 together.

1) What jumps out at you from this passage that is interesting or thought-provoking?

2) How does living for the world and yourself make you dead? How is this possible when you're chasing after worldly ideals such as happiness, pleasure, and finding your true self?

3) Why do you deserve for God to perform a *kezazah ceremony* with you?

4) Explore how verses 4 & 5 relate to what the father said to his son in **Luke 15:24**?

5) Share one reason why God saves us according to this passage.

6) Why is there a temptation to create a transactional relationship with God? Why is this type of relationship so wrong?

7) Go around the group and share one thing you appreciate about the way God uniquely created the person to your left.



1) Focus your prayers this week on simply enjoying your relationship with God.

2) If applicable, confess to God AND a trusted brother or sister of your tendency to be like the younger or older son from the parable.



Take some time to pray for each other.