



Small Group Questions 8/16/15

Read Luke 15

1. For those in attendance at church this past Sunday, what stood out most to you from the message? Why do you think it stood out to you?
2. Take some time and read all of Luke 15. What are some ways that these three parables relate to one another? What do you think the main point is that Jesus is trying to communicate?
3. How do you think the tax collectors and sinners are hearing this story? Do you think they relate? Do you think they are joyful or angry? Why?
4. How do you think the Pharisees and scribes are hearing this story? Do you think they relate? Do you think they are joyful or angry? Why?
5. This story takes a major turn in verse 20. Up to this point, the younger son is figuring out his plan to try and clean himself up and pay his penance for his poor choices. Have you ever found yourself in a situation like this, where you are trying to clean yourself up and earn right standing before our Holy Father? What amazing truth do we learn about our Father in verses 20-24?
6. What did the father do with both of his sons? What does this tell us about the father?
7. Many of us often find ourselves in the shoes of the older brother. The older son believed he was better than his brother. He was pouting because there was a celebration for the younger son and not for him. Have you ever thought that others were more in need of God's grace than you? What does this say about your understanding of grace?
8. What truths from Luke 15 will you personally take away from this study?