

Community Group Homework Questions

1. How do we know that the three parables in Luke 15 are about unsaved sinners who come to repentance and not about Christians who have strayed from the Lord?
2. How does the reality that “Sin will take you deeper than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and make you pay more than you want to pay” motivate you to fight against sin and pursue holiness?
3. Read Luke 15:22–24. How does the father’s treatment of his returned son display God’s response toward sinners who repent?
4. When you reflect on God’s love displayed in your salvation (as detailed in this parable), how does it deepen your love for Him?
5. When you reflect on God’s love displayed in your salvation (as detailed in this parable), how are you compelled to greater obedience to Him?

The Heart of God Filled with Joy

Luke 15:11-24

Series #90

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“The Heart of God Filled with Joy.”** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What parable is probably the most famous parable Jesus ever told?
2. The three parables Jesus told in Luke 15 emphasize what?
3. What did the Pharisees and scribes not want the riffraff of society to do?
4. How do we know that the parables are actually about unsaved sinners?
5. Jesus wanted to illustrate what, so it is demonstrated in the prodigal son?
6. What character in the parable depicts the heart of the Pharisees/scribes?
7. Jesus wanted to emphasize what about God in this parable?
8. Do you have a “mechanical” view of salvation?
9. Is God emotionless when it comes to the salvation of one lost sinner?
10. Why is it probable that there was a gasp in the crowd when Jesus made the statement in verse 12?

11. Are we all like the prodigal son?
12. The younger son ran after what with swiftness and determination?
13. Have you deceived yourself about sin?
14. Numbers 32:23 tells us that our sin will do what?
15. We don't immediately catch the utter degradation and debasement that Jesus is communicating because we are not what?
16. What do we know about "carob pods"?
17. In what way is the man in this story a picture of our spiritual condition outside of Christ?
18. The NIV and NASB translate the first part of verse 17 as what?
19. Rebellion is a kind of spiritual or mental what?
20. The young man realized that his pursuit of "happiness and fulfillment" was what?
21. The word "blessed" basically means what?
22. What is the world looking for?
23. What are you truly trying to find happiness through?
24. Sin offers happiness, but it actually delivers what?
25. Hebrews 11:25 refers to what concerning sin?
26. What does it mean to "be poor in spirit"?
27. Have you come to recognize that you are hopeless apart from God's grace?
28. From verse 18, we see the prodigal son take what?
29. Verse 19 shows us genuine what?
30. Older, distinguished men in the Middle East would never do what?
31. Why did the father run to the son?
32. The best robe would have been whose?
33. What was a symbol of equal authority?
34. Slaves never or rarely wore what?
35. The fattened calf was reserved only for what?
36. All of these gifts and all of these unworthy acts of love from the father are an illustration of the abundance of what?
37. Do you picture God the way verse 24 pictures Him? Do you have an accurate view of God?
38. God loves sinners and does what when they repent?
39. Do you need to repent?
40. Are you running from God, as the prodigal son was running?