

QUESTIONS

Day 1-Review

1. What did you learn from the commentary notes about the Parables of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin?
2. What challenged you the most from the lecture?

Day 2 - Luke 15:11-13

3. ? Thought Question: Why do you think the father in the parable gave his younger son his inheritance early? How does this illustrate how God treats you?
4. What would make the younger son leave his father after receiving his inheritance early, rather than stay close to his father?
5. In some Bible translations, verse 13 states the younger son set off for the “far country”. Describe how the “far country” looks.
6. ? Personal Question: Have you ever experienced the “far country”? What was it like and how did you escape it?

Day 3 - Luke 15:14-16

7. Verses 14 & 15 state that the younger son “began to be in need”, so he got a job. Was getting a job a good idea or bad idea? If you think it was a bad idea, what should he have done?
8. ? Thought Question: What spiritual principle is being illustrated in verses 14-16?

9. Why do you think the younger son try to work himself out of his dilemma instead of returning to his father ? In other words, why didn't the younger son just go back to his father when he began to be in need?

10. ? Personal Question: Do you see a relationship between Ephesians 2:8-9 and Luke 15:14-16? How should you apply Ephesians 2:8-9 in your life today?

Day 4 - Luke 15:17-19

11. What do you think verse 17 means by, "When he came to his senses..." ?

12. ? Personal Question: Describe a time in your own life when you "came to your senses". What circumstances brought you to this point?

13. ? Thought Question: Compare/contrast the younger son's attitude the day he left for the far country and the day he came to his senses.

14. What is the spiritual parallel to the younger son's statement in verse 19, "I am no longer worthy to be called your son"? (Use 1 Corinthians 15:9 to help you with your answer.)

Day 5 - Luke 15:20-21

15. ? Thought Question: What is significant about verse 20 stating, "So he got up and went to his father"?

16. Make a list of the actions taken by the father in verse 20. If you believe the father in the story might represent God the Father, explain how each action listed is like our Heavenly Father.

17. What is important about the words spoken by the younger son recorded in verse 21?

18. ? Personal Question: How might you apply Luke 15:21? (Use Acts 3:19 to help you with your answer.)

Day 6 - Luke 15:22-24

19. List the four different blessings bestowed on the younger son by his father.

20. ? Thought Question: Do you see any spiritual equivalents with the blessings given by the father in the story that compare to God's blessings to His own children today?

21. ? Personal Question: Would your relationship with your Heavenly Father be characterized as a celebration like the father and son in the story? Why or why not?

22. What impresses you most about the father in the story?