

QUESTIONS

Day 1-Review

1. What in the commentary notes was most interesting to you and why?
2. What in the lecture helped you the most and why?

Day 2 - Luke 15:11-24

3. What was the primary problem with the younger son's attitude and why did Jesus address it in this story?
4. ? Thought Question: What do you think caused the initial bad attitude of the younger son? In other words, what would cause a young man to rebel against his father who obviously had lavished him with love his entire life?
5. ? Personal Question: Have you ever gone through a period in your life when you rebelled against your own parents? What caused your rebellion?
6. ? Personal Question: Have you ever experienced a son/daughter's rebellion against you? How did you deal (are you dealing) with such rebellion?

Day 3 - Luke 15:25-28

7. What prevented the older brother in the parable from joining the celebration of the return of his younger brother?
8. Write down something you learn about jealousy and envy from the following verses:

Proverbs 14:30-

Proverbs 27:4-

James 3:16-

9. ? Personal Question: What types of people make you jealous or envious? Would you be willing to ask the Lord to help you rejoice for and with them, rather than be jealous and envious of them?

Day 4 - Luke 15:29-30

10. ? Personal Question: How might the older brother apply 2 Corinthians 10:12 to his situation? How might you apply it to your life?
11. Based on the older brother's words to his father in verses 29 and 30, do you have any sympathy for his position? Why or why not?
12. Compare/contrast the attitude of the older brother in verses 29 and 30 with that of the younger brother in verses 12 and 13.

Day 5 - Luke 15:31-32

13. What do you learn about the father in the story based on his response recorded in verses 31 & 32?
14. ? Thought Question: Why do you think Jesus told the story with the father saying in verse 32, "...for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found"?
15. ? Personal Question: Have you ever witnessed a prodigal son or daughter return back to God the Father? What was your attitude when they received forgiveness from God and other people?

Day 6 - Luke 15:11-32

16. ? Thought Question: How can someone be living in the "far country" without ever leaving home?

17. ? Thought Question: Which son in the story is being admonished more by Jesus...the younger son or the older son? Explain your answer. (Remember: Jesus was addressing the Pharisees and Scribes' accusation that "this man welcomes sinners and eats with them.")

18. ? Personal Question: To which of the two sons can you better relate and why?

19. ? Thought Question: In the parable we see how both sons responded to the father's love, but Jesus ended the story without revealing whether the older brother ever humbled himself. What do you learn from the way Jesus ended this parable?