



Community Group Lesson Plan • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: A Story of Two Sons

Passage: Luke 15:11-32

Intro -

1. What was your view of God growing up? Where did it come from? Was he more wrathful than loving or more loving than wrathful?
2. What is your view of God now? What words would you use to describe him?

Sermon Points -

1. Younger Son
 - a. Read Luke 15:11-24.
 - i. In what ways do you identify with the younger son?
 - ii. Do you find the father's response to the son shocking? Why or why not?
 - iii. What condition does the younger son come to the father in at the end of the story? Is this kind of humility necessary in order to receive forgiveness from God?
 - iv. What kinds of things does the younger son do to show you that he is genuinely repentant? Is there such a thing as disingenuous repentance? What does it look like?
 - v. Is there any way in which you identify with the father in this story? How do you find the father's actions towards a wayward son instructive in your own life?
2. Older Son
 - a. Read Luke 15:25-32.
 - i. Why is the older son mad?
 - ii. In what way did the father "break the rules" in the eyes of the older son?
 - iii. In what ways does God "break the rules" in our view? How do we respond when bad things happen to us when we think we've been good?
 - iv. In what ways do you identify with the older son in this story?
 - v. Is the older son in fellowship with the father? Why or why not?
 - vi. What is the solution for the older son? How is it similar to the solution for the younger son?
 - b. How does the story of the older son end?



Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - 2 John 3 ESV

“Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father’s Son, in truth and love.”