

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke, part 51, May 3, 2020

1. Read Luke 15:11-32 (CSB)

2. The Parable of the Prodigal Son. Prodigal means “reckless, wasteful, extravagant”. But really the emphasis of this story is not on the sin of the son but on the _____ of the father. Maybe a better name would be “The Parable of the Grace-filled Father.”

3. Read Romans 2:4. It was his father’s goodness and _____ that brought him to repentance and led him home to receive forgiveness.

4. Read Luke 15:12. It was not proper for a son to ask for his inheritance while his father was living. To do so, was the same thing as saying to his father, “I wish you were _____.”

5. Read Luke 12:15. Unless you learn to enjoy what money cannot buy, you will never enjoy what money can buy. What does that mean to you?

6. Read Luke 15:13. You don’t have to travel physically away from home to get to a “distant country”. Because that “distant country” can begin in our heart as we dream of doing whatever we want and living our life however we choose to live. Rebellion always begins in the _____.

7. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. The young son wasn’t just sorry. He repented. He experienced real life change through Jesus from the inside out.

8. Read Luke 15:20. Because the young son had brought disgrace on his family and on his village, the Jewish law in Deuteronomy required that he be stoned to death. If the village people had started to stone the young son, they would have hit the father who was embracing him. That’s a picture of what Jesus did for us on the cross. He covered us with His grace.

9. Read Luke 15:21. Genuine repentance always brings genuine humility. Not just feeling sorry, but an active faith that brings real life change.

10. Read Luke 15:25-30. Jesus introduces a picture of religious people with the older son. He was self-righteous, full of pride and full of anger. Is this a description of the church? I hope not.

11. This parable is not about the young son, it’s about The Father. In other words, It’s not about us, it’s all about God and His glory.

12. This is a story about a father, full of unconditional, unexplainable outrageous grace, who never gave up hope for his wayward son to come home and threw a party when he did.

That’s the kind of unconditional, unexplainable outrageous grace that God offers you.