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Discussion Questions

Week of: October 12, 2025 // Sermon Text: Luke 15:1-32

Sermon Overview

Disciples should share Jesus' joy in lost sinners becoming found sons.

Ice Breaker

What's the most valuable possession you've ever lost? Did you ever find it?

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 15:1-32

- 1. Do you now, or have you ever felt estranged from God? If so, what is/was it like?
- 2. In the sermon, Brett mentioned that happiness dependent on something that could be lost is fragile. What makes you happy? How durable or fragile is it?
- 3. Have you ever hit rock bottom? What was it like?
- 4. Read Luke 15:20. When you think of God's love, how similar or different is it to what's described?
- 5. There are two ways to be lost: self-indulgence or self-righteousness. Which way did/do you gravitate towards?
 - Leader's Note: If a bit more clarity is needed between these categories, feel free to share this line from the sermon: "We can mistreat God by taking what he gives and running far away from him, and we can mistreat God by obeying him just to get what he gives. Neither son loves the father for the father's own sake."
- 6. How is the insight this passage gives us to what brings heaven joy both a thrill for us and a challenge to us?¹

¹Luke 12-24: The Kingdom is Opened by Mike Mckinley, 17.

- 7. If your joy is the same as what brings God joy, how will it affect:
 - a. Your view and relationship with those who don't know Jesus?
 - b. Your prayer life?²

Prayer

² Ibid.