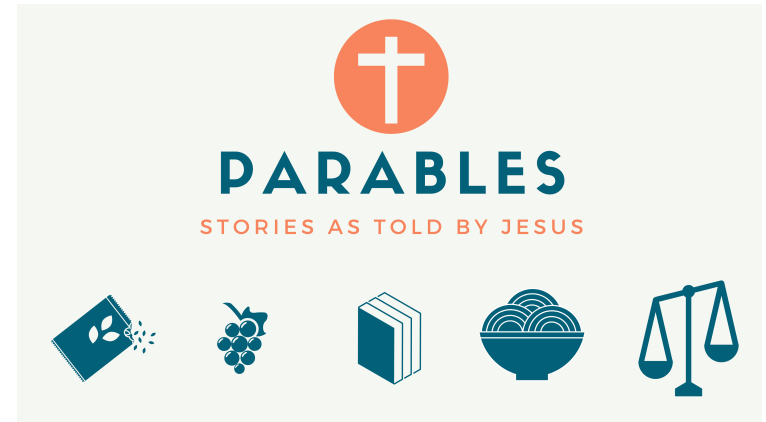


Luke 15:11-24 Small Group Questions:



- 1) If you had to have pizza from one place for the rest of your life which kind would you choose?
- 2) Have you ever wanted a do-over with something or regretted a decision that you have made? What was it and what happened?
- 3) Is there anything about this passage or Ben's message that stands out to you?
- 4) Place yourself in the father's shoes; what do you think when your son essentially tells you to drop dead and wants to do life without rather than be with you?
- 5) In the first part of this parable, we see that the Father lets the younger son leave (as well as giving him his inheritance). Why would Jesus put this in the story and what does this say about the heart of God for us?
- 6) We read about how far into distress and peril the younger son gets into after leaving his home (to the point he wants to the food the pigs eat). How can we learn from the mistakes of the younger son, specifically when it comes to sin and walking away from God?
- 7) We also see the repentance of the younger son. What does it mean to repent and how do we know we've truly repented of our sin towards God?
- 8) I love how the father doesn't just watch his son come home, but he *runs* toward him. Describe the father's response and how it speaks to the heart God has for us when we come to him & and repent of our sin?
- 9) What does this parable teach us about the forgiving nature of God? Are there any bounds on God and his forgiveness of us?
- 10) To repent means to turn away from one thing and turn back towards another (in this case, turning from self and running to God). Is there something you need to turn away from and towards God?