



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on Feb. 21, 2021

Sermon: "Pull Up A Seat"
Text: Luke 15:11-32; Ephesians 2:17-22

Gathering Guidelines

-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8d65KFPRL0>

Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YUPJUJLUkg> 'Heart of Worship'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVct7V9zHLk> 'I Desire Jesus'

Read

Luke 15:11-32

Discussion Questions

Question #1:

The younger brother in Luke 15 was living a 'self-first life'. He wanted his inheritance and wanted it in order to do what he wanted. It didn't matter to him that taking his inheritance early was like saying to the world that his father was as good as dead (which is what that implied in those days. You get your inheritance after your father dies.) The younger brother was living the 'self-life'.

Have you ever wrestled with selfishness? Maybe it wasn't as obvious as the younger brother but still there? How does it make you feel when you live selfishly?

Question #2:

The older brother was the one who was 'doing everything right'. He stayed home, worked hard, followed all the rules, but he wasn't happy. He was living for an image that was built on what other people thought, and wasn't genuine

in his efforts. He was living the 'other-centered-life'. He tried to live by external rules to look a certain way and in the end it failed him.

Two questions: 1. Why did this fail him even though he was doing everything 'by the book?' 2. Have you ever struggled with this way of living too?

Question #3:

The Father in this story represents Jesus' attitude and actions toward his boys, particularly the younger one.

Read 15:20

Why did the Father respond the way he did?

Ask yourself if the Father responded the way he did before or after the younger son's confession (Read 20-21). Is this significant?

Question #4:

Do you feel more like the younger or older son?

Do you know that Jesus' attitude toward you is *exactly* the same as the father in this story? Is this something that you need in your life right now?

Question #5:

If you had the courage, what would you want to say to Jesus right now? Or what would you want to ask of Him?

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week tell yourself everyday that the love of Jesus is yours.

And meditate on Ephesians 3:17-19 everyday as well:

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

This is for *you*. Let it soak into you. . .

Pray for each other