

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 15:11-32

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Sermon Notes:

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**Community Groups are dismissed this week for Father's Day.**

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 15:11-24. What was lost in this third parable? (cf. 15:24)

What request did the younger son make of his father? In that culture, was it common for a child to make that kind of request? How would you feel if he was your son made this request?

Describe the lifestyle of the younger son after receiving his inheritance. What happened to make his situation even more difficult?

In verse 17, what does “he came to himself” mean? Describe what you believe was happening in his heart and mind.

When the younger son decided to return home, what kind of reception do you think he was anticipating from his father?

In what ways is the father’s response to his son similar to God’s response to our sinfulness? How is this a picture of grace?

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Read Luke 15:11-32. In verse 25, the older brother enters the story. How did the older brother react when he discovered what was going on?

He was probably coming in from the fields where he had been working all day. How might this have contributed to his reaction in verse 28?

What justification did the older son give to his father for his actions and attitude? Do you feel that he was justified in his actions? What about his attitude? Why or why not?

Read verse 29 again. Do you think all these claims by the older brother are accurate or exaggerated? Do you have a tendency to exaggerate when you feel mistreated in some way?

In verses 31-32, how did the father respond to the outburst of the older son? How would you characterize this response?

In each of these three parables in Luke 15, what is the common theme? What was the ultimate response in each? How should this inform the way we live?