

Time to go Home Luke 15:11-24

1) We realize our _____. (vs 17)

2) We come to our _____. (vs 18)

3) We return to the Father with _____. (vs 21)

4) We are restored as a _____. (vs 22-23) Time to go Home Luke 15:11-32

1. In verse 12, the younger son asks his father for his share of the inheritance. What are some things you have assumed your Heavenly Father owes you? What do we truly deserve from God, and how much more does that help you appreciate His blessings? (See also Psalm 103)

2. Verse 14 says that "a severe famine arose and the son began to be in need". How can our wealth hinder our dependence upon God? (Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 6:24)

3. In verse 18, the son decides to return home and ask to be his father's servant. What is the relationship between humility and repentance? How can pride hinder our desire to repent? (2 Chronicles 7:14, Revelation 2:5, 2 Corinthians 7:10)

4. In verse 18, the son asks for his father's forgiveness. Why is it important to ask not only God, but those that we have sinned against for forgiveness? (James 5:16, Matthew 6:14, Matthew 5:23-24)

5. In verse 23-24, we are given a wonderful picture of redemption given by our Father. How does this picture help you put away past sins that you are reminded of? (2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 John 1:9, Galatians 2:20)

6. The father was looking for his son to come home. Many of us know someone who has strayed from their faith. How can you pray Luke 15 over those in your life who have wandered?

7. Take a look back at the parables of the lost coin, lost sheep, and lost son of Luke 15. What verses bring you hope when it comes to God's attitude towards the lost?

8. In verse 28, the older son refuses to celebrate with his father and brother. What is your attitude towards new converts? How can your position affect someone new to the faith?

9. The older son was a depiction of the Pharisees and religious leaders in Jesus' day. Can you think of other times in Scripture where they were quick to judge and received rebuke from Jesus? What can we learn from their mistakes? (Luke 18:10-14, Luke 7: 36-50, John 8:1-11, Luke 19:1-10, Matthew 23)

10. Has there ever been a time in your life when you experienced the journey of the prodigal son? Have you ever caught yourself having the judgement of the older son? Have you ever experienced the forgiveness of your Father? Describe those times.