

Father's Day June 21, 2026
"The Gift you Can Never Repay"
Luke 15:11-32
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Small Group Discussion Guide

Scripture: Read together Luke 15:11–32

Share a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or forgiveness. How did it impact you?

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you most about the father's response when he sees his son returning home? Think about the norms of the time when this was happening. What did it mean for the son to demand his inheritance? For the father to run out to the son? *What does this tell you about God's grace?*
2. The younger son was hoping for quick punishment and a "job," but instead received compassion and restoration. Why do you think understanding true grace can sometimes be difficult?
3. The father ran to meet his son while he was 'still a long way off.' What does this detail teach us about God's heart toward those who turn back to Him?
 1. The older brother struggled to celebrate his brother's return and his father's attitude toward his wayward son. Why is it sometimes difficult to extend grace to others?
 2. How can comparison, resentment, or a sense of entitlement keep us from experiencing God's grace?
4. Do you relate more to the younger son, older son or father? Why?
 3. Read again the words the older son when he confronts his father. What does that tell you about his relationship with his father?
 4. The father loved both sons deeply and pursued both. What does this teach us about God's grace for people who are rebellious as well as those who are self-righteous?
 5. Who in your life may need to experience the kind of grace demonstrated in this parable? What might it look like to extend that grace?

6. After reading this passage, what is one practical step you can take this week to receive God's grace more fully or to share it with someone else?