

Come Home For Christmas

Christmas 2018



02 Come Home To God's Love

Luke 15:11-32

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But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate..

– Psalm 15:22-24 (ESV)

The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. Where is "Home" for you? Maybe the place you grew up? Maybe a place that you cherish?
2. When you think of "Home" what do you think of? If "Home is where your heart is" where do you feel like your heart is?
3. Christmas season is a season characterized by love. Have you ever had an experience where you felt incredibly loved? Either by another person or by God?
4. Micah made a point that "There isn't just one prodigal in this story, but three." What do you think he meant by that? What does it mean to be "prodigal"?
5. In the story of the prodigal son, Micah said that both sons were prodigal in their sin. Both sons were lost because they weren't home in the father's prodigal love. What do you think this means? How can we be "at home" in the fathers love?
6. There are two ways to be your own savior and Lord, two ways to be outside of the father's love. The first is to chart you own selfish course, doing whatever you please; the second is self-righteously keeping a moral code. Which do YOU stray to most often?
7. The first step in understanding the gospel of Jesus and understanding the Christmas story is to understand that we are ALL dead in our sin, we are all prodigals and therefore in need of a savior to be born on earth so that he can win us from our sin. Why is this the first step? What might the next step or steps be?
8. Why is our home found best in God love?
9. The story of Christmas is the beginning of the Gospel message of our father's prodigal love for us. What should our response be during Christmas? What should our response be the rest of the year?
10. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: Galatians 4:1-7 Romans 2:1-16 Romans 3:9-31 Ephesians 2:1-10.