



COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS
April 30, 2017
Love Can Unbind Us | Luke 15:11-32

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Luke 15:11-32 as a group.

1. Have you ever spent an extended time in restricted or cramped quarters? (Maybe packed bleachers at a football game, a small car on a long trip, etc.) How did it feel when you finally had room to stretch / spread out?
2. React to this statement: "In one sense, sin prevents us from living the full life Jesus wants for us (John 10:10) and keeps us in 'small, cramped up' lives." What stands out to you in that statement? Does it change the way you think about sin?
3. In the parable Jesus tells in Luke 15:11-32, in what ways is the younger brother "bound" (i.e., tied up by sin)?
4. Focus in on Luke 15:17-24, and answer the following questions:
 - How does the younger brother expect to be received when he returns home?
 - How does the father actually receive him?
 - Put yourself in the younger son's shoes. How do you think he felt, after his father embraced him and called for a party?
5. There's a second son in this parable we can't ignore. Look closely at Luke 15:25-32. In what ways is the older brother "bound"? How does the father respond to this older son?
6. In vv. 28-30, we see the older son resist the father and what the father is doing. What's different about the older son's mindset, as compared to the father's?
7. Are there ways you see yourself in either the younger brother OR the older brother? Explain.
8. What should we learn from this parable, about God the Father's love for us?
9. In what ways have you experienced the "unbinding," freeing nature of God's love for you? Explain.
10. How can you help others experience this freeing nature of God's love?