

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

Sunday 28th of March 2021

GOD'S ALL IN
Luke 15:11-31 (NIV)



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. We often think there are 'strings attached' to gifts, or that they are 'too good to be true'. Can you think of a time where you have received something that you felt was completely undeserved? How did that make you feel? Was it a challenge to accept it?

Q2. Have you ever had a 'God moment' that has played out in a completely unexpected way?

INTO THE WORD

Read: Luke 15:11-15 and then read: Luke 15:25-31

Q3. Spend some time reflecting on how each of the brothers in the parable views...

- i. Himself
- ii. His brother
- iii. His father

What are some of the characteristics of each of the brothers that you can identify in your own life?

GOING DEEPER

“Forgiveness always comes at a cost.”

Q4. How can this truth be seen in the parable? In your own experience? What did it cost the father to bring his younger son home? What did it cost the elder brother? What did it cost to bring us home?

Q5. Consider how the attitude of the elder brother might have made it harder for the younger brother to come home. How can you prevent this from happening in your own life and church?

Q6. Based on the premise that there is no action, or inaction that can separate us from God's love and grace, what are some of the barriers you might put in place preventing you from accessing all that God has for you? What stops you from really living life in God's grace? Do you recognise and accept that God is 'All In' for you?

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you that you extend each of us the invitation of your grace. Help us realise that amidst our brokenness and our unworthiness, you see us for who we truly are, your beloved children. May you continue to reveal yourself to us and remind us that you are 'all in' for us and that you continue to pursue a deep and intimate relationship with us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.