



Growth Group Questions
August 3, 2025
“Pull Up A Chair”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:20-24

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹ In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Luke 15:31-32

³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Matthew 8:11

¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

3 John 1-8

¹ The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

² Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. ³ It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵ Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters,^[a] even though they are strangers to you. ⁶ They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God. ⁷ It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. ⁸ We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.

QUESTIONS

1. In Luke 15:20-24 and in Luke 15:31-32, we read the father's responses to both the younger and older sons. How did the father's responses to his two sons differ?
2. What similarities did you perceive in the father's responses to his two sons?
3. What can we learn about God from the father's responses to his two sons in Luke 15?
4. What can we learn about ourselves from the Parable of the Prodigal Son?
5. Pastor Paul said that the reality is that someday, we all have to "grow up and become more like the father." What does that mean to you in light of the lessons learned from the Parable of the Prodigal Son?
6. In Luke 15:31, the father says to the older son, "everything I have is yours." What does this say to you about God, and how should this impact our relationship with Him and with others?
7. 3 John 1-8 speaks of the importance of extending hospitality to others. What does it mean to you to extend hospitality to others?
8. Pastor Paul said that sharing the love of Jesus with others is what we are all about as Christians. He also said that in order to do this, we must learn to become better listeners. As you think about how Jesus interacted with people, what listening skills do you perceive He had and how can we emulate those skills to become better listeners?
9. Pastor Paul also spoke about the importance of identifying different ways in which we can "invite somebody else to the table." What does that mean to you? What kind of opportunities can you identify where you could invite somebody else to the table?

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. What sort of a “listener” are you?
2. Who is an example to you of someone who practices hospitality and what can you learn from them?