

AHA, See God Run!

Discussion Guide

Text: Luke 15:11-24

OPEN:

1. Where are you in the birth order of your family; youngest, oldest, middle?
2. How old were you when you left home? Where did you go? What did you do?
3. Were you ready emotionally and spiritually to leave home?
4. Who was the "obedient one" in your family? Who was the "wild one"?

DIG:

1. From your own perspective, what caused the younger brother to want to leave home? Was he ready?
2. If you had been the father, would you have given him his inheritance early?
3. If you had been the father, would you have gone to look for the son in a "far country"?
4. From your understanding of the father, what do you think he was doing while his son was away? Why do you think that? How does he receive his son?
5. What caused the younger brother to "come to his senses"?
6. Do you think the father was wise in throwing a party when the son returned?
7. How do you think the older son felt when he heard about the party?
8. What prevented the older brother from coming to the homecoming party?
9. If you could invite one of these two brothers to your group, who would you invite?
10. Who in this story would you want to be one of your shepherds?

REFLECT:

1. Of the two brothers, which story is more like your own?
2. Where are you right now in your relationship with your parents?
3. In your spiritual journey, what do you identify as your "far country" time?
4. Where are you right now?
5. If you had to go to one of the two brothers with a deep personal problem, who would you choose? What does that tell you?

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