

Coming Home - Feasting with the Father

Luke 19:10; Proverbs 29:3; Luke 15:20

1. The father's exuberant response to this wayward son's return should forever break off any notions of a stoic God who is impossible to please. *Psalm 139:1-3; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Proverbs 19:23; Matthew 9:36; James 4:8; Luke 15:21-22*

2. No matter how far we've wandered from God, when we turn to him with a humble heart, God immediately bestows on us the full privileges of sonship. *Zechariah 3:1-4; Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 19:7-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Peter 1:3; Luke 15:23,24*

3. We have a party throwing God who celebrates every repentant heart and He wants us to join him by feasting on His goodness. *Matthew 22:2; Isaiah 25:6-8; Luke 15:24; Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:4; Nehemiah 8:9-12; Psalm 23:5; Isaiah 55:1-2; Ephesians 1:18; Psalm 85:6*

“Joy is the serious business of heaven.” - CS Lewis

Next week's reading guide:

Luke 6:27-36
Romans 8:15-17
2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Psalms 112:4-7
2 Timothy 1:2-4
Hebrews 5:12-14
Romans 15:5-7

Discussion Questions:

1. Share about a time when you or someone you know got literally lost. Are there spiritually lost people you want to be praying for? (pray at the end)
2. Which of the five verbs most spoke to you in the father's response in verse 20? (that the father saw, was filled with compassion, ran, hugged, kissed).
3. Do you find the idea that your Father in heaven feels this passionate about you hard to believe? Why/Why not? What could help you experience this truth more?
4. Which area (God's righteousness, authority or provision) do you need more faith to receive or the most growth to walk in?
5. What tends to hinder you from experiencing the joy of the Lord and what is a tangible way that you can feast with the Father this week?