



Sunday 5th July 2026
Luke 15:11-32 – The Father’s household

Loving things over God (v.11-16)

Repentance and forgiveness (v.17-24)

The waywardness of pride (v.25-32)

Questions to discuss in our Growth Groups and personal reflection

Loving things over God (v.11-16)

In this set of 3 parables, who was Jesus talking to and why (see 15:1-2)?

What are the scandals in the introduction to this third story (v.11-12)?

What is the problem in wanting the things God has provided but not wanting God himself (v.13)?

What state did the young man end up in when the money ran out? What is Jesus' point do you think (v.14-16)?

Repentance and forgiveness (v.17-24)

Why is 'regret' not the same as 'repentance'?

When the younger son "came to his senses" what did he realise (v.17)?

What did the son think he needed to do to be accepted back in the family (v.18-19)?

How is this contrasted with how the father actually received his son (v.20-24)?

What does all of this show us about our true repentance and God's true forgiveness? How might we praise God for His grace to us in Christ?

Who are you praying for to come to the cross & become a child of God?

The waywardness of pride (v.25-32)

What was the reaction of the elder son to the celebration?

How did this son represent the religious leaders of Jesus' day?

What traits of the elder son might be present in our own lives & how might God want to change us?