



“The Parable of the Lost Son”

Sunday, October 21/18

AVBC 10:30 am

Luke 15:11-32



Luke 15:24 (NLT) “For this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.”

What is a Parable and **Why** did Jesus tell this one? (Luke 15:1-2)



3 perspectives

1) The Younger Son (vs. 12-20a)

- ... is: _____ / _____
- ... is: _____
- ... is: _____



2) The Father (vs. 20b-24)

- ... is: _____
- ... is: _____
- ... is: _____



3) The Older Son (vs. 25-32)



- ... is: _____
- ... is: _____
- ... is: _____ (“never” vs. “always”)

What is this Parable REALLY all about?

- 3 groups of people (*which one are you?*)
- God’s amazing love and grace!

Colossians 1:19-20 “... and through him to reconcile to himself all things...”



Digging Deeper

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1:** Have you ever received an inheritance? What did you do with it?
- Q2:** Describe a time you “came to your senses,” and reversed a bad decision you made.
- Q3:** Describe the younger son in this parable? The older son? What drives or motivates each of them?
- Q4:** What is the greatest expression of grace that anyone other than God ever extended to you? Was it difficult for you to receive such grace? How did that affect you?
- Q5:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. What does it mean for us to be given the “ministry of reconciliation?”
- Q6:** Read Romans 5:10-11. Are you living as if you have been reconciled to fellowship with God? Consider the promises of Isaiah 1:18