

Beyond Sunday: Small Group Guides

Sermon date: November 27, 2022

Speaker: Brian Davenport

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10, 11-32; Ephesians 2:1-10.

Connection:

- 1) What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- 2) How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- 3) What are you thankful for this week?

Reflection:

- 1) Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- 2) What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?
- 3) Asking once again, in reading this story, are you more an elder brother or younger brother?

Application

- 1) Why did the older brother react to the news of the younger brother's return in this way? What might have motivated his answer?
- 2) Where else do you see self-righteousness and indignation get in the way of Christian living today?
- 3) Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How does the teaching of this passage about salvation connect with the story of the older brother? What could the older brother in the parable have learned most from this Ephesians passage?
- 4) Re-read Luke 15:1-2, and 3-10. Brian noted there was "a party after the lost was found in each story." What would it look like for us to party today when a lost person comes to Christ?
- 5) How can we avoid being a self-righteous and grumpy Christian? Especially in the coming month before Christmas?
- 6) End by praying **together** to fully know Christ in light of this teaching. Pray for New Horizons to be a lighthouse in Spokane, and for the Pathways project.