August 28th, 2022

Welcome Back Home

Luke 15:11-29 NIV

1. If Pastor Terry had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what tow points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?

2. *A look closer on times of famine.* This week we talked about how the son didn't return when he ran out of money but when he found himself in need because of a famine. We know of times when we have seen this in our lives and in the lives of others, where they ask for help only when things got hard. When have you experienced this? What happened?

3. *Luke 15:11-29*. This weekend we looked at the response of the father and what his reactions were to the son when he came home and then we compared his response to the older brother's response. In the following situations what are some responses we might have and how do they compare to the brother? Compared to the father?

   a. A close family member or friend admits to struggling with their faith.

   b. You are made aware of a family member struggling with an addiction and/or hidden sin.

   c. A brother/sister in Christ confides in you to a deep struggle of sexual immorality.

Digging Deeper:

4. Looking back on your own spiritual journey, have there been some specific areas where you tend to go your own way, to leave the father's house, like the prodigal son did? If so, what helped you come back home?

5. Is there anything that may be keeping you from coming back home? Is there anything in your life that may keep others from coming back home? Are there any adjustments you need to make in either your message or your attitudes? If so, what would it take?

6. Times of pain, defeat, sin, and trails can be extremely difficult and especially when we don't think we will be loved by God or by others. Who are some of the people in your life you can depend on to hear you and love you during these difficult times? Is there anything you are going through right now that your home group could be praying for and helping with, if they only knew about it?