

Message Based Questions: 12/16/18

Home for Christmas Part 2

Icebreaker: Share about your family of origin. Where are you in the birth order?

Scripture verses: John 1:14, John 14, Luke 15, Ephesians 2:8-9

Look at the context of Luke 15. Who are the parables directed to? What are the common themes of all three examples?

Discuss the ways that both brothers are lost. In what ways can you relate to them? How does the Father relate to both of his sons?

Which character are you in the Parable of the Lost Son? Is there an invitation you need to accept (to come home to the father, to extend forgiveness, to repair a relationship, or something else)?

Pastor Rick shared that until we realize we're not just infinitely lost but also infinitely loved and valued by God, we can't fully grasp the full scope of the Gospel. Look at Ephesians 2:8-9 and relate it to your faith journey.

As you relate to family and friends this holiday season, you will have opportunities to extend love and grace to those that are hard to love. Think through scenarios and how you'd like to handle those situations. How can your group help and pray for you?

Who can you invite to come Home for Christmas?

Upcoming EFC Events:

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| Dec 23 | Ugly Sweater Sunday |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Eve services at 4pm and 8pm |
| Dec 30 | One service at 8:30am |
| Jan 6 | Groups Equipping Lunch & Learn (open to all interested in any aspect of group leadership) 11:45am-1:30pm |
| Jan 13 | Trivia Night, sponsored by Groups Ministries, 3-5pm |