



Beyond the Sermon

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a black Bible. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are embossed in gold on the cover. The background is a solid brown color with a diagonal split between a darker and a lighter shade.

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BIBLE

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Religion vs. Relationship: A Contrast of Brothers

The Prodigal Son | Luke 15:11-32

On your own: use these questions to prepare for your group discussion (optional)

1. What questions do you still have about the passage?
2. What are the main points, ideas, and themes in the passage?
3. What did you learn about God from this passage?
4. What did you learn about humanity from this passage?
5. How does this passage apply to your life right now?
6. What are one or two concrete ways you can live out this truth this week?

PRE-
DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

GROUP
DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

With your group: discuss the following questions:

1. What is the definition of the word “prodigal”?
2. What motivated the younger son to demand his inheritance from his father and what type of pain did the father likely experience?
3. How does knowing that God seeks and saves lost sinners give me comfort and confidence in Him?
4. List the ways the older brother showed unforgiveness to his brother and father. What joys did he miss out on because of his unforgiveness?
5. How does God’s grace free me to serve the Lord without fear of failure or rejection? How does it free me of developing unhealthy expectations of my co-laborers in Christ?