

How Freedom Leaves You Empty | Week 2

The younger son demanded his inheritance, wasted it, and hit rock bottom. But coming to his senses, he turned toward home—and his father ran to meet him with compassion. This parable demonstrates the incredible truth that there's more grace in God than there is sin in us.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- We are never more like Jesus than when we give, serve, and invite. Think of a time someone loved and welcomed you before you had it all together. How does remembering that shape the way you give, serve, or invite others this week?
- Our problem is not that we don't love God enough. Our problem is that we don't realize how much He loves us. Where do you see that playing out in your own walk with God right now?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (10 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [Luke 15](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. Has there been a time in your life when you hit rock bottom?

Scripture Observation:

2. Read [Luke 15:14-16](#). Feeding pigs was about as low as a Jewish man in that culture could sink. What circumstances and events led to the younger brother being in that position?

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

3. Read [Luke 15:17-19](#). What does it mean that the younger son "came to his senses" (verse 17)? What usually has to happen before someone reaches that point?

Personal Application:

4. The younger son expected to be made a hired servant; instead, he was fully restored as a son. Is there an area of your life where you're still trying to earn something God has already freely given you? What would it look like to simply receive His grace there?
5. The prerequisite for receiving God's grace in your life is to know you need it. In what area of your life do you need to acknowledge you need God's grace?

6. The father didn't wait for the son to clean himself up before celebrating him. The father welcomed the son's step of humility with open arms. Who in your life needs that same kind of welcome from you this week?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your time in prayer. You can use your own words or these words:

Father, thank You for running toward us before we even finish our confession. Help us receive Your grace instead of trying to earn it, and give us courage to come home to You today. Amen.

For Further Exploration

- Explore the Bible, engage in prayer and serve experiences, share stories, and practice rhythms essential to a healthy spiritual life in Rooted.
 - Rooted starts this week at all locations
 - Register at rooted.sv.cc.