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NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal or group reflection & application.

WORD - Luke 15:11-2, 25-32

- 1. Read through the passage again. What insights did you gain?
- 2. Compare and contrast the way the two sons treat the father, versus the way the father treats the two sons.

MESSAGE

- 1. The passage shows that the older son was just as disrespectful/shaming to the father as the younger son was. In what ways was this evident?
- 2. Which brother do you most closely identify with? In what ways?
- 3. The older son was every bit the father's son, but was living as a slave, trying to earn the approval of the father. Does this define your relationship with God?
- 4. The younger son was every bit the father's son, but lived as if he wasn't. Does this define your relationship with God?
- 5. Neither son shows that he had a life of joy in relation to the father. Do you?

RESPONSE

- 1. What are you reasonably sure God wants you to do in response to this teaching?
- 2. Decide which tendencies you have of the older son or the younger son pray that God will bring you into a more correct relationship with Him, day by day.