

Discussion Guide: The forgiving Father



- Read Luke 15.1-2

What's the reason for Jesus telling these parables?

- Read Luke 15.3-10

What's similar about these 2 parables?

How do these 2 parables connect with vv1-2?

- Read Luke 15.11-31

Divide this parable up into "scenes" and come up with a short title for each scene.

What do you learn of the Father in this parable?

In what ways is the Father a confronting portrait of God?

In what ways is the Father a comforting portrait of God?

“Readers tend to identify with the younger Son in the parable but the main lesson of the parable centres on the older son.”

What do you think of this statement?

In what ways are you like the younger son? What would repentance from that look like for you?

In what ways are you like the older son? What would repentance from that look like for you?

Use James 4.7-10 to help you to reflect prayerfully on these parables.