



BURDENED FOR PEOPLE

OCTOBER 24 | LUKE 15:1-32

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. What was the common denominator between the actions of the shepherd (vv. 3-7), woman (vv. 8-10), and Father (vv. 11-32)? What do they teach us about God's heart for people?
2. What motivated Jesus to tell this series of parables in verses 1-2? What does this teach us about not only the religious leaders in Luke's story, but also about the sinful bent of every human heart?
3. Contrast the plight and behavior of the two sons in verses 11-32. What stands out to you about each one? What stands out to you about the way the Father relates and responds to each one?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. How should this passage shape your view of God as you relate to him moment by moment?
2. Evaluating both the heart disposition of the religious leaders towards the "sinners" and the heart of God for them, where do you see yourself? Are there any sinful attitudes or actions towards other sinners that you need to confess and repent of?
3. Is there someone in your life that the Holy Spirit is calling you to be burdened for this week?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

1. Heavenly Father, we worship you and thank you for being burdened for us as needy sinners. We praise you for rescuing us by sending your Son to seek and save us.
2. Jesus, we thank you not only for saving us by your sacrifice and victory over sin and death, but also for being our example. Would you help us this week to fight the sin of pride towards others? Would you help us be burdened for people and long for them to come to know your salvation?
3. Holy Spirit, would you give us wisdom and discernment to know how to actively love people that you burden our hearts for?