

### Week 3 The Prodigals/The Older Brother

**1. Read Luke 15:25-32**

**Question:** Who do you Identify with the most? The younger brother, the older brother or both?

**2. "Woe to you, Pharisees! Within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."**

**Matthew 23:27-28**

**Question: How have you experienced hypocrisy?**

**3. Discuss the following statements by Pastor Dustin.**

- a. **There is a disobedient way to obey Jesus.**
- b. **There is faithless faith."**

**4. Read Romans 12:9-16** in light of Luke 15 from the older brother's perspective: "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

**Question:** Why did the older brother refuse to party? What caused this disposition in the older brother? In what ways do you identify with the older brother?

**5. Discuss the 3 ways to become a party planner:**

- a. Make repentance more than a one-time event.  
"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."  
**Proverbs 4:23**  
**\*\*\*Be careful that you don't become close to the *house* of God and far from the *heart* of God.**
- b. Be Grateful: Keep expressing gratitude to the father.  
Unexpressed gratitude comes across as ingratitude.  
We did not get where we are without help from the father.  
Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." **Psalms 106:1**
- c. Grab a towel, Be a servant leader "Do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." **Galatians 5:13**

**6. Next week is Easter... Who will you invite to come with you to the Easter Service?**