

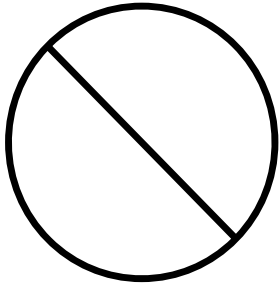
Windows: The Other Son

Luke 15:25-32

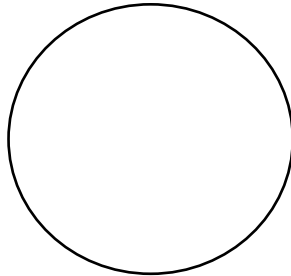
The Older Son

(1) I have worked hard, but you gave me no banquet.

(2) He sinned yet you gave him a banquet.



Pharisee's
Understanding



The Father's
Understanding

(3) I have perfectly followed the rules.

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SONS

SIMILARITIES IN THE SONS

- (1) Both sons wanted a _____
- (2) Both sons wanted to celebrate _____ their _____.
- (3) Both sons were _____
- (4) Both sons were _____
- (5) Both sons were _____

T-90 Small Group Questions

Getting Started:

- Who was the obedient type in your family?
- Are you more like the younger son or the older son in this parable? Why?

Digging In:

1. Read Luke 15:25-32. If you were the older brother, how would you have felt when you found out your father was throwing a party for your wild brother?
2. What type of emotion was the older brother feeling toward his brother? Toward his father?
3. How does the father answer the older brother's objection?
4. What is the point Jesus is making in this parable and how does it provide an answer to Luke 15:1-2?
5. What does Jesus want to teach the Pharisees in this parable?
6. Why does Jesus leave this story open-ended as to how the older brother responded?

Taking It Home:

7. Comparing yourself to the two brothers in the story, who are you most like? Why?
8. How have you been like the older brother?
9. Consider verse 31. What does God have to give you that you haven't taken?