

**DO YOU LOVE  
THE FATHER?**



**LUKE 15:11-32**

# I. Jesus wanted the sinners to know that the Father loved them (Luke 15:11-20).



- What lessons could Jesus' dinner guests gain from these parables?
- Why didn't someone go looking for the brother like they did for the sheep and coin?
- How does the Father's love reconcile the returning son with the whole community?

## II. Jesus wanted the self-righteous to know that the Father loved them (v.26-32).



- How can we know that the older son doesn't care about honoring his father?
- How can we allow pride in our obedience to separate us from the Father?
- What is wrong with thinking that the Father owes us for our obedience?

# III. The sinful and the self-righteous both need to love the Father (v.28-32).



- What is wrong with obeying the Father to get things instead of to get Him?
- Are the self-righteous any less separated from their father than the sinful?
- What is wrong with being righteous because it is to your own advantage?

# IV. Loving the Father demands selflessly loving our brother (v.28-32).



- How does a refusal to love and forgive a brother leave you isolated?
- What is it about grace that can be too scary?
- What do you need to be doing to show love to your brother or sister?

# **Call to Action: To love the Father so much that you want to be with Him and with His children.**



- What is wrong with your heart when you want to be off in a far country?
- What is wrong with your heart when you don't want to rejoice with your family?
- What is it about God's grace that scares you?
- How do we want to treat returning brothers?
- What will help you grow in your love for the Father and His children?

**-How can we help?**