

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

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Search and Rescue

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Digging In

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2. Why did the younger son finally return home?
3. How did the father respond when his younger son returned? Why?
4. How did the older son respond?
5. Which of the sons was lost? Explain.
6. What was the main point Jesus was making through this parable?
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8. Write a paraphrase of the tax collector's prayer.
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10. To whom was this parable directed? (v. 9)
11. **Read Lk 19:1-10.** How did Jesus surprise the people?
12. How did Jesus explain his actions in v. 10?



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- How can we carry out church discipline without becoming self-righteous?
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