



Going Deeper Questions
Rooted & Established in Love
Ethan May 10/24/21

Scripture: [Luke 15:11-24](#)

Icebreaker Question

1. What was the best thing that happened to you last week?

Discipleship Cycle: Debrief & Interpret

1. Did anyone do the "Respond Actively" exercise last week for our sermon about solidarity? What did you learn about God and yourself through that experience?

Quick Review: What stood out to you from this week's passage?

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's passage and sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

My Story

1. This Sunday's sermon addressed the new life that we are offered in Jesus. Growing up, was life with Christ portrayed as a celebration? Or if you didn't grow up in the Church, did Christianity seem like a celebration of new life when you first started exploring the Church?
2. Think of a time that you felt like celebrating and/or felt celebrated by others. How did it impact you emotionally, mentally, or spiritually?
3. Do you find it easy or difficult to celebrate your life? Do you find it easy or difficult to celebrate others? Why do you think that is?

Dive Deeper

1. Let's re-read the passage from Luke 15:11-24 one more time.



- a. **Faith:** What is this passage asking me to believe about God or myself?
- b. **Hope:** What hope does this passage offer us as God's people? What distinctives does James highlight for believers in this passage? How about from throughout our whole James series?
- c. **Love:** What is this passage asking us to do? How do we put these words into action in our lives?

Discipleship Cycle: Respond Actively

1. Throughout this week, celebrate all that God has done and continues to do in and through your life by taking time each day show gratitude to God by prayerfully thanking him for 5 things. Whether it's something big or something small, celebrate the ways God is at work in your life. You can also think of one way you could celebrate another person this week and then do it! Maybe it's something like bringing them dessert or their favorite snack, or maybe it's just writing them a note or sending them a text telling them you're grateful for them. Celebrate what God is doing in the lives of those around you!

A Special Question for Couples and Families

1. Unfortunately, it can often be the people we spend the most time with that we forget to celebrate the most. What does it look like to celebrate what God is doing in and through your partner, spouse, or child when you so closely live life with them every day? What is one way that you can celebrate alongside them, finding something specific to celebrate in the midst of all the realities of daily life together?