

SERMON GUIDE

GUILT AND SHAME

Luke 15: 11-24

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 7)

2 Tim. 1:7 (Fear)

for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Did you ever try to hide from a teacher or parent because you felt guilty about something when you were a kid? What happened?

Note on the Study: Today, we'll be talking about the emotions of guilt and shame. A few notes are helpful:

- There is true guilt and false guilt. True guilt is an appropriate sense of moral failure – of breaking God's law. False guilt is a sense of responsibility for something that isn't actually sin. For example, with false guilt, it's common for a child to experience a sense of guilt when there's a divorce even though he really had nothing to do with it.
- There is also godly shame and distorted shame. Shame is an appropriate response to the knowledge that we've sinned, but it can be exaggerated and distorted into a sense of permanent defilement or brokenness. Distorted shame communicates: "Something in me is broken beyond repair and others can see it."

Read Luke 15: 11-24

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** There is true and false guilt. True guilt is an appropriate sense of moral failure – of breaking God's law. False guilt is a sense of responsibility for something that isn't actually sin.
 - What do you think the son is experiencing (v.11-17)? Why?
- O** Shame is an appropriate response to the knowledge that we've sinned. But it can be exaggerated and distorted into a sense of permanent defilement or brokenness. Distorted shame communicates: "Something in me is broken beyond repair and others can see it."
 - What do you think the son is experiencing (v.18-19)? Why?
- O** How does the father's extravagant grace overcome the son's sense of shame (v.20-24)?
- A** Is it hard or easy for you to believe that the father in this story reveals the truth about how God wants to receive you? Why?
- A** Guilt and shame tempt us to flee relationships, especially with God. What will you need to remember about the Father if you're going to engage with God this week rather than withdraw?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.