

Questions from the Sermon

December 6, 2020

1. What was your favorite baked item that was only made at Christmas in your house growing up?

-What is your favorite baked item that is only made at Christmas in your house now?
2. When you smell that item being baked in your home, what does it remind you of? What comes to mind for you?

Read Luke 15:11-20

3. When you read that the younger son ‘squandered his property in reckless or wild living’, what do you picture Jesus was talking about?

-Jesus doesn’t spell out what He meant. Why do you think these are the things that come to mind for us?
4. What does ‘living high on the hog’ mean? (*just hoping someone knows – BONUS question*)
5. What is obviously missing in his life after he has lost everything?
(hint: who else is mentioned at this point in the story?)
6. Why is this so significant when we try to understand what Jesus is teaching us?
7. What do you think was significant about where the younger son ended up working?
8. How do you think the audience that was listening to Jesus would have responded?
9. The younger son ‘hit rock bottom’. What would that look like today?

-What does that look like spiritually for us? Or does it happen today?
10. Jesus says “but when he came to himself...” What do you think caused this to happen?

-What does the younger son decide to do?

-What is his expectation and why?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

11. What do verses 1-3 tell us about our predicament?

12. What remedy do we read for our situation?
13. What do these verses implicitly say about what God saw in us that made us worth saving?
(try not to over-think this one)
14. When you read the beginning of verse 10, what do picture?
What do you understand this to mean?
15. How does knowing how God sees us, help us to want to come home?