

SNO CAMP

Small Group Questions

Friday Night

- 1. What are some of the dominant cultural stories that influence your life, thoughts, and decisions (examples: achievement, wealth, self-actualization, influence, romance, etc.)? How do these stories compare to the true story of the Gospel?**
- 2. What soil from the parable best describes your heart right now? Do you see yourself in the hardened path (indifferent/unaffected), rocky soil (shallow/short-lived), thorny ground (distracted), or good soil (open/fruitful)? What might need to change for your heart to be more receptive to Jesus and the Gospel?**
- 3. Jesus describes the Christian life as one of abiding/remaining in Him. What are some practical ways you can cultivate a heart to “hear” and respond to God’s Word? How can you keep this up when you get home after the retreat?**

Saturday Morning

- 1. How do people today define “good enough” when it comes to God? How do you see people around you measuring their own goodness? How do you tend to measure yours?**
- 2. Why is pride so dangerous in our relationship with God and others? How have you seen pride impact relationships with others?**
- 3. The tax collector approached God with desperation and dependence. How does this contrast with the way our culture often views humility? What does true humility before God look like?**
- 4. The teaching emphasized that we don’t work for God’s acceptance, but from it. How does understanding God’s mercy and grace free us from striving to prove ourselves? What would it look like for you to live in light of that truth in your day-to-day life?**

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1. Which brother do you relate to more—the younger brother who ran away or the older brother who stayed home, but was distant from his father? Why do you feel that way?
2. The younger brother thought he would find freedom and happiness away from his father, but it led to misery instead. How does this show the way sin promises fulfillment but ultimately leaves us empty?
3. The father in the story runs to his lost son with love, not anger. He shows grace before his son can even apologize. How does this picture of God as a loving Father challenge or encourage you? What does this teach us about God's love and forgiveness?
4. The older brother obeyed all the rules but missed out on truly enjoying his father. Have you ever felt like you were doing all the "right" Christian things but still felt distant from God? What does this story teach us about the difference between religious duty and a real relationship with God?
5. The father's love and grace were the same for both sons—whether they ran away in rebellion or stayed and tried to earn their place. How does understanding God's grace change the way we respond when we fail or when we feel prideful about "doing things right"?