



LIFEgroup HOMEwork

Week of February 14, 2010

Homecoming – Luke 15:22-24; 32

On Sunday we celebrated Valentine's Day which has its roots in the life of St. Valentine of Rome, who was martyred in about AD 269. As a martyr, St. Valentine was willing to follow the example of Jesus in offering up his life to benefit those whom he loved.

The father of the two sons, in Luke 15, gives us insight into the heart of our Heavenly Father toward the lost. The father of the two sons expressed his love extravagantly by being willing to spend his wealth on his sons, even when they were undeserving.

Pastor Stan helped us to see that our Heavenly Father takes great delight in seeing His children enter into His joy as they come home to Him. In this study, we focus our attention on what we can learn about God's purpose for celebrations in the Bible.

Sharing Question:

What was a memorable homecoming for you or a loved one?

What do you enjoy about celebrating homecomings?

Getting Started Question:

What did you enjoy most about the celebration at church on Sunday?

What is one insight, illustration or insight from the sermon that you remember most?

Homework: Read Luke 15:22-24, 32

Read Luke 15:25

How were they celebrating at the party?

What makes a party great for you?

If someone threw a party for you, what should they include?

Is there a place in your life for dancing? Some of you dance every time your team scores and you stand up, jump up and down and do a little dance. Otherwise, what does it take to cause you to dance?

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Be careful when you judge someone who is dancing criticized for dancing! Read the following passage about a time when giant killer King David got criticized for dancing.

2 Samuel 6:15-16 – Why was David dancing?

2 Samuel 6:20-23 – Why didn't his wife like his dancing?

How did David respond to her criticism?

What happened to David's wife for her criticism? Why so harsh?

Deuteronomy 16:13-17

How long was this feast to last?

What is the longest party you ever attended? (Besides Woodstock)

Who was to be joyful about the feast? Why such a specific list?

How many times a year were they to celebrate before the Lord?

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What was every man to bring to the party? What did the gift represent? Why was this celebration so important to God?

John 2:1-11 – Jesus was comfortable hanging out with people. Weddings, in Jesus' day, lasted from two to seven days and the groom's parents were responsible for feeding everyone the entire time. What do you think Mary was expecting from Jesus? (Since verse 11 says that he had not previously performed a miracle)

Why was Jesus hanging out at this party?

Vs 4 – Why did Jesus say this?

Vs 11 – What was the response of the disciples?

What was the purpose of Jesus' miracle? Do you think people enjoyed having Jesus at the wedding? Why?



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