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The Bible GPS on Luke 15: 11-32

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Agenda

1. How to interpret Narratives
2. The Bible GPS on Genesis 6: 5-8 > God
3. The Bible GPS on Genesis 22: 2-19 > Abraham
4. The Bible GPS on Exodus 2: 1-10 > Moses
5. The Bible GPS on 2 Samuel 11:1-27 > David
6. The Bible GPS on Luke 12: 15-21 > Jesus
7. The Bible GPS on Acts 9: 1-20 > Paul
8. *The Bible GPS on Luke 15: 11-32 > God*

Instruct



Use PPT slides 1-8 for this page

Ask Question



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S You can either ask a participant to read from a study Bible or you can share the situation (background). (slides 4 & 5)

T Ask a participants if they can tell what type of literature this passage is. Answer: Prose, narrative – story (slide 5)

A Ask a participants to read the passage. Ask participants if they can tell the plot structure? Refer to Day 253-Day 256 in “The Bible as Your GPS” for the plot structure. This parable can be divided in four distinct episodes.

Ask a participant to read Luke 15: 11-32. The meaning structure follows the plot structure. (A, B, C – see slide 7)

Remember that the message is implied. (slide 6)

Summarize the message to the original receiver: is ...

Self-discovery (younger son) and moral conformity (older son) can never save you. It doesn't go deep enough to take you to the father's heart. How can we be saved?

1. We need the initiating love of the Father (Luke 15: 20, 28) 2. We need to repent of our sins as well as the wrong reasons why we do good. 3. We need to be melted and moved at what it costs the Father to bring us back home.

R Ask participants if this message relates to the rest of the Bible? *Answer is YES* (Romans 1: 16; Acts 15: 9, 11; Ephesians 2: 8-9; 1 John 5: 10-13)

T Tell participants that the commentaries confirm our finding.

Message to the original receiver is ...

Ask participants if there are any questions at this time. Move to next page ...

APPLICATION

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Ask Question 

Ask participants if this is an incidental or essential

Ask Question 

Ask participants the following questions.

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Incidental

Essential *Answer: It is an essential (Moral)* (slide 9)

Please read Days 253-256 of “The Bible as Your GPS” or pages 143-145 of Hearing God’s Tweet and answer the following questions.

1. What do you think was the young son’s problem and how does that relate to what parents experience today? Day 253 of the Bible as Your GPS: or Days 143 and 145 of “Hearing God’s Tweet.”
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2. The young son lost everything, except one thing. What was that, and what can we learn from that? (Day 254 of “The Bible as Your GPS”)
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3. “The parable should never have been called the Parable of the Prodigal Son, for the son is not the hero. It should be called the Parable of the Loving Father,” (William Barclay in his commentary on Luke, p 213). How do you feel about this comment? (Day 255 “The Bible as Your GPS”)
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4. What was the older son’s problem? (Page 145 of “Hearing God’s Tweet”)
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5. What does this parable tell us about God ?
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