

# DISCUSSION NOTES

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*Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.*

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

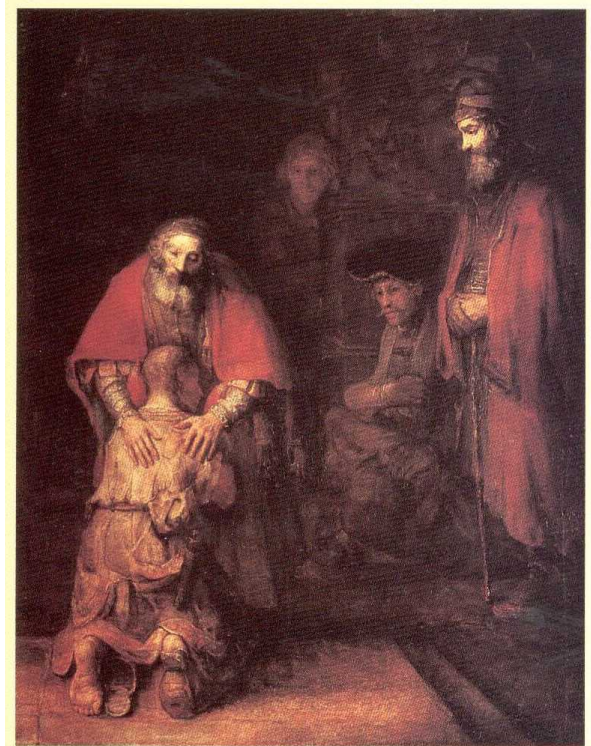
1. Read Luke 15:11-32, and make 5-7 observations about the verses. Who is present? What happens? What is the father like? How do the two brothers respond? What lesson is Jesus' teaching?

In the sermon, Jeff talked about the importance of kneeling before the Father to receive his love.

Have you ever put yourself into the place of the prodigal coming home to the Father? What would it be like to kneel before the Father and receive his grace personally?

What do you see in the depiction of the older brother from Jesus' story?

How does God's grace enable us to live in humility and compassion towards others?



2. 1 Timothy says that leaders should "be tested first" that they may be proven trustworthy. Skim through the following verses to see how a Christian grows in strength and obedience.

Read 2 Corinthians 3:4-5. Where does our confidence come from?

Read John 15:4-11. Where does our fruitfulness come from?

Read Galatians 5:16-25. Where does our growth in character come from?

3. The sermon's second key for servant leadership was to kneel before the church. How might the confirmation and affirmation of the church give a leader strength, purpose, and accountability to go with the authority of leadership?

4. In the sermon, the third key to servant-leadership was kneeling before people in service. Read John 13:1-17, and make 5-7 observations about the verses. What object lesson does Jesus give? Who is present? What lesson does Jesus apply?

## **LIVING IT OUT**

5. In this discussion, what is one thing that stands out to you about the heart of servant-leaders?
6. In your personal life, what is a key verse or idea from our study seems most helpful to your current walk with the Lord?
7. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Do you ever wonder if your service is really worth it? Why do you think we need regular reminders to stay the course and continue to do good?

How do you deal with discouragement in ministry? Where do you look for help?

8. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." Why is it so critical to trust God's grace and love as we seek to give our lives away in love and service to others?
9. What is one thing you want to apply to your life from this lesson and seek to live out personally?