

*SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek
January 28, 2024*

Pre-service Psalter 292:1-2**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 226 **

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20

Psalter 144:1-2 **

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service

Psalter 144:3-6 **

Text: Luke 15:18-19, 29

Theme: Lost and Loved

Prayer

Psalter 283:1-3**

Benediction

Doxology: "Praise God..." **

** Please stand if you are able

1. What did it communicate to the father that the younger son asked for his father's inheritance? What would people listening to the parable have thought about that?
2. What elements of true repentance do we see on display in this parable? Can you see these on display in your own life?
3. What does the welcome of the father teach us about how God deals with repentant sinners? How does the younger son's welcome help us prepare for the Lord's supper?
4. How did the older son come home and what was he saying about his relationship with his father, the work and the world? How does the father deal with the older son?
5. * What did the prodigal son ask from his dad? Why did he want to return? How did his father receive him? What does this tell us about how God deals with sinners? Why was the older son not happy? What did the father do for him? *

Question for Self-Reflection

- # Who do you look more like, the older or the younger son and why? Do you know the younger son's repentance?

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

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Pre-service Psalter 365:1-2**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 365:3-4**

Scripture Reading: John 6:25-59

Reading: 1st part of Form for the Administration of
the Lord's Supper

2nd part of the Athanasian Creed 29-44

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service

Psalter 29 **

Text: John 6:37

Theme: Come and Welcome to Christ!

1. The Father's gift to Christ

2. The sinner's coming to Christ

3. The sinner's welcome to Christ

Prayer

Psalter 111 **

Benediction

Doxology: 197 **

** Please stand if you are able

2. What does it mean to come to Christ? Why do sinners come to Christ?

3. Who is Christ for coming sinners? What examples from Scripture can you think of where sinners came to Christ and were not cast out?

4. What kind of hindrances/excuses does Christ remove with this verse from the heart of those who struggle to know whether they are saved? Or those who struggle with assurance?

5. How come that our hearts are factories of fresh resistance against Christ? In what ways does the verse encourage the doubting Christian toward assurance? How was this verse used in John Bunyan's life?

6. * Can you think of examples of sinners who came to Christ? Was any of them cast out? If so why? Have you come to Christ with your sins? *

Question for Self-reflection

Have you come to Christ? Why, or why not? *

Questions for younger children

1. How many promises are there in the chapter that show Christ's willingness to save sinners? Can someone given by the Father to the Son be lost?