

Life Change from the Heart
“Step 7: A Humble Heart and Extravagant Grace”
Luke 15:1-31
For the Week of November 27, 2016
New City Church of LA

GROW & SERVE GROUP GUIDE AND HOMEWORK

Open in Prayer

Worship

Share a moment when you experienced receiving something you didn't deserve.

Sermon Reflection

“Life Change from the Heart” is a sermon series on how God changes us from the heart through the gospel. How does change from the heart happen? After we surrender our life to God, we start the process of cleaning the inside of the cup, our heart. We go through an extensive process of self-examination to find self-indulgence in our heart, confession of what we find, and repentance. Then, step 7 says we “humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings.” How does God remove our shortcomings? It is through grace. Kevin shared from the parable of the two sons, commonly known as the parable of the prodigal son. From that parable, Kevin shared that (1) God is the God of extravagant grace; (2) grace changes our heart; and (3) grace only works through humility.

Any questions or comments about the sermon?

Bible Study

Read Luke 15: 1-31

1. What prompted Jesus to tell these three parables? What question is he answering? Who is Jesus speaking to? (see verses 1-3)

2. What are the similarities and differences between the three parables?

3. What do you learn about God's character from the parable of the lost sheep?

4. What do you learn about God's character from the parable of the lost coin?

5. In what ways was the younger brother lost? Have you experienced this kind of lostness?
6. Share all of the details in the story that show the father's love for the younger son.
7. Share a time when you experienced this kind of love and grace.
8. How do you think the younger brother lived after he came back? How did his father's grace change him? How do you think his life would be different than the elder brother's?
9. In what ways was the elder brother lost? Have you experienced this kind of lostness?
10. Share all of the details in the story that show the father's love for the elder son.
11. Who does the younger brother represent? Who does the elder brother represent?
(see verses 1-2)
12. What do you think is more dangerous: Younger brother lostness or elder brother lostness?

Share how you are doing this week with one another

Pray for one another, the church, and our neighborhood