

Study Guide on Luke 15:11-24

New Revised Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Luke 15:11-24

(Luke 15:11) Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons.

(Luke 15:12) The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them.

(Luke 15:13) A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

(Luke 15:14) When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

(Luke 15:15) So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

(Luke 15:16) He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

(Luke 15:17) But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

(Luke 15:18) I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

(Luke 15:19) I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

(Luke 15:20) So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

(Luke 15:21) Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

(Luke 15:22) But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

(Luke 15:23) And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;

(Luke 15:24) for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?