

Lessons on Legalism from the Parable of the Lost Son

Lesson 5 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Luke 15:1,2; 11-31

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to assure students of their salvation as a gift from God and to answer the following question: **What does the Parable of the Lost Son teach us about legalism?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. What is the context in which the parable was told?
14. Who were the Pharisees and how did they think they would be saved?
15. Explain: Legalism demands a sufficient degree of sorrow over one's sin in order to qualify him for God's mercy.
16. Why was the older son upset with his father?

17. What was the spiritual problem of the older son?

Lesson wrap-up

What does the Parable of the Lost Son teach us about legalism?