

1/15/17 | FINDING YOUR WAY BACK TO GOD:



The Awakening to Help

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you struggle with accepting help from other people? How? Why is it so hard for people to ask for help?
2. Would you say you are at a point of admitting you need help to lead a life different from the one you have? Why or why not?
3. What sort of response do you expect to receive from God if you come to him and ask him to accept you through grace?

Read Luke 15:14-20

4. When the son realized he needed some help, who did he think of, and why?
5. What kind of reaction did the young man expect from his father? What kind of reaction did he actually get?
6. What does the reaction by his father (representing God) teach you about having the confidence to return to God?

Read Matthew 11:28-30

7. How are the “weary and burdened” like the younger son in the parable? How are they like you?
8. What do these verses teach you about the kind of reception the needy get when they turn to God?

Read Romans 7:21-8:4

9. What is Paul frustrated about in verses 21-24? How do you relate to this frustration?

10. Although Paul failed to earn the acceptance of the heavenly Father through trying hard to obey religious rules, what finally worked for him?

Read John 3:16-21

11. Underline one or more lines from the passage that mean the most to you.

12. Why do I need a Savior to rescue me out of my separation from God?

13. Am I at a place where I am ready to trust in Jesus, the Son of God, to bring me into the light of God's presence?

Pray this prayer: *"God, if you are real, make yourself real to me. Awaken in me the willingness to turn toward you for help."*

TAKEAWAY:

- If you have never turned your life over to Jesus, why not do so now? In prayer, surrender to him, request forgiveness for your sins, and ask him to be your Leader forever. Be baptized.
- If you are already a follower of Jesus, but have become estranged from him in some way, tell him that you want to recommit your life to him.
- Ask for his help to put you back on the path of walking with him through life. Complete the following statement: "God, I really need your help with..."