

Message Notes

Practical Love: 1. What's At Stake? – Luke 15.11-32

1. There's a difference between principles and preferences.
2. When we maintain principles and are flexible on preferences, we are hospitable to all with full integrity.
3. What's at stake? God's Kingdom and our eternity.

LifeConnect Group Discussion Questions

- In Luke 15.11-32, what stages does the younger son go through on his pilgrimage? What brings him to his senses? What does he realize then? With what sort of attitude does he approach his father?
- How does the father receive his son? Why?
- How does the older brother feel about his younger brother's return? Why? How does the father answer the older brother's objection?
- In what ways have you been like the younger son?
- In what ways has the church been like the older brother? Like the father?
- What are some 'preferences' that could be set aside as we seek to draw more people into faith in Christ? What principles do we need to reinforce to maintain our integrity?
- Take time to pray for those who are living like the younger son and need to come to their senses. And pray for our church to receive them as the Lord would.