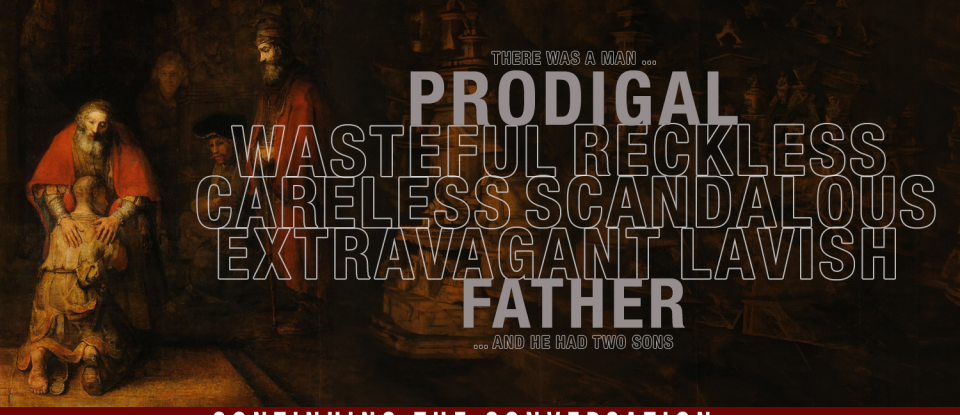


CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ...

WEEK 5: THE FEAST

Jesus story ends with a joyous feast! Which is also a metaphor illustrating four aspects of the Christian's life. Salvation is *experiential*, involving a subjective "taste" and experience of the Father's love. *Material* — God's reconciliation transforms how we engage a broken world, compelling us to confront injustice and suffering. *Individual* — we continually "feed" on the gospel, replacing fear and self-reliance with God's identity shaping love. *Communal* — we experience the fullness of Jesus in relationship with others, as part of His church.

THINK ABOUT THESE ...

1. When you hear the world 'feast' what comes to mind? Does the word 'salvation' means the same thing to you? Why or why not?

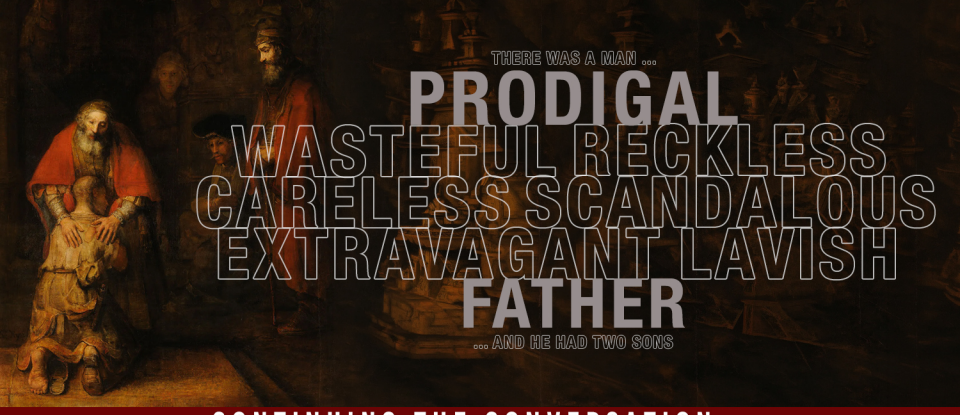
2. As Jesus followers our eternal destiny is the feast of Joy in the Kingdom of our God forever. How does what we believe about the past - impact the way we live today? How does what we believe about the future - impact how we live today?

3. In ancient times a feast had several dimensions other than eating - there was a time to sing and dance and reunite with long lost friends, renew relationships and celebrate community. What joys do you most anticipate at the feast of the Father?

4. Think about your relationship with God. Do you have one? What words would you use to describe it to others?

5. What does it mean that 'Salvation Is Individual'?

6. Would you agree that *'religion'* is the default mode of the human heart'? In what ways is 'religion' the default mode of your heart? Where do you place your 'functional trust' rather than in Christ's work for you?



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ...

7. How can you intentionally "feed" on the Good News of Jesus? What has Jesus done - that impacts how you see yourself today? What has Jesus done that impacts how you see others today?

8. The ultimate purpose of Jesus life, death and resurrection is not only individual pardon for sin and rescue - but the renewal of the world and the end of disease, injustice, poverty suffering and death. In what ways will you be part of God's plan to bring His Kingdom renewal to the world today?

THINKING REVOLUTIONARY ...

The gospel (the work of Jesus) doesn't only bring us home— it brings us to the table, where we experience God's love, are transformed by it, and learn to share and live out that love with others.

READ AND THINK ABOUT THESE WORDS (MEMORIZE THEM IF YOU CAN!):

"For the grace of God has appeared
that offers salvation to all people.
It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness..."

Titus 2 verses 11, 12