



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of April 16, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 15:25-32

25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. **27** And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ **28** But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, **29** but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ **31** And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32** It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

If you were not able to listen to this week’s sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1>.

Discussion Questions

1. In the parable of the “prodigal son”, why do you think people focus more on the younger son rather than the older son?
2. Why was the older son so angry about the party for his brother? What does this reveal about his heart for his brother and more importantly, for his father?
3. Why do you think Jesus told this parable to the Pharisees? HINT: Look at the context of these parables in Luke 15:1-2.
4. Why is self-righteousness such a powerful and dangerous sin? Are you self-righteous? How would you know?
5. Using the example given in this parable, first describe the heart of God towards sinful lost people. Why is it important for self-righteous people to understand God’s heart towards sinners?