



On Sunday, we added another key Bible word in our exploration of **“What is Salvation?”** God is willing to **“set us free”** from our sins, but once we’re free, where should we go? The answer involves **reconciliation**—when things pulled apart are brought back together.

When we talk about **reconciliation**, Jesus’ parable of a lost son is a great example to study. We’ll read **Luke 15:11-32** in just a moment, but **“Why did Jesus tell this parable?”** **Luke 15:1-2** gives us an important detail that we shouldn’t overlook.

With that context in mind, let’s allow Jesus—the One who gave his life for us—to teach us some key lessons:

1. **Luke 15:11-13** - do you remember what _____ means? It’s when I take something good and twist or bend it. And what do iniquities do according to **Isaiah 59:1-2**? They **“make a _____”** between me and my God. That’s exactly what this son did with his father
2. **Luke 15:14-16** - separation from his father wasn’t “the _____ life” that the son was expecting
3. **Luke 15:17-20** - the son had to _____ to be reconciled to his father
4. **Luke 15:20-24** - when the son was willing to leave iniquity behind, his father was eager to _____ him home
5. **Luke 15:25-32** - not everyone sees or _____ God’s beautiful offer of reconciliation



For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let’s revisit *why* Jesus told this parable:
 - Who were **“the Pharisees and the scribes”**?
 - What was it about Jesus that made so many **“tax collectors and sinners”** want to draw near to hear him?
 - Why would the Pharisees and the scribes grumble?
- Why did the son in Jesus’ parable have to *want* to be reconciled to his father?
- What did the son have to do in order to be reconciled?
- Who is the father in Jesus’ parable and what ought we to learn from how the father reacts in **Luke 15:20-24**?
- What was the older son’s problem and what ought we to learn from him?
- We’ve learned that **salvation** involves **reconciliation**. What should we remember from this great story of salvation?