

Lesson #3: Entitlement comes from misguided understanding of...

A. Who others are - We **STANDARDIZE OUR RELATIONSHIPS**
“But when this son of yours came...” Luke 15:30a ESV

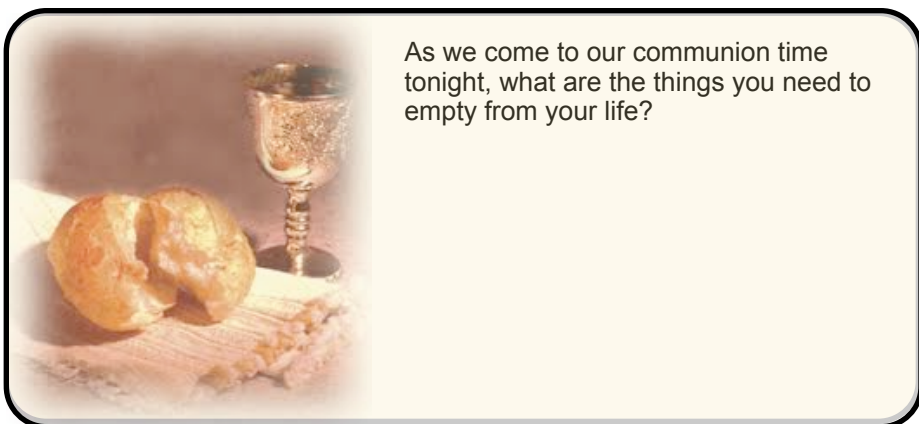
B. Who we are - We **OSTRACIZE WITH JUDGMENTS**
“...who has devoured your property with prostitutes...” Luke 15:30b ESV

C. Who God is - We **SCANDALIZE GOD’S GRACE**
“... you killed the fattened calf for him.” Luke 15:30c ESV

Lesson #4: Regardless of our position in Christ, **S.O.S.** is code that

we must **EMPTY** ourselves of **ENTITLEMENT**.

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’” Luke 15:31-32



As we come to our communion time tonight, what are the things you need to empty from your life?

Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

We're So Glad You're Here!

We plan to celebrate Christ's love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you'll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. Are you worried about the rules - when to stand, when to sit, what to say? Don't be! We've worked hard to make our time together just like family. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

This Week: Prodigal Sons

We complete the Modern Parable series tonight with our study of Luke 15:11-32. We'll watch a drama about two sons trying to manipulate their father to achieve their own desires. Then we'll examine what may be "prodigal" in our own relationship with our heavenly father.

Next Week: Belong Series

Next Sunday we begin a brand new series. What does it mean to belong to church? For the next six weeks we'll examine the concepts of family and membership... and we'll teach our very first "Belong Class" while we're at it. Don't miss a single week of this six-week series!

Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We will keep you posted on what's happening at Church Requel. Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

White Donation Envelope

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Do you have something you'd like us to pray about? After our communion time, we'd be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table.

Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. We invite you to participate if you are a Christ-follower. You do not need to be a member of our church. Take the bread and cup back to your seat individually when you're ready.

Visit our website: www.ChurchRequel.org

Membership Classes Begin Next Week!

Next Sunday we will begin the process of taking in the charter members of Church Requel. Wouldn't you like to be among those in that pioneer group?

"What's membership mean and what's required to be a member?" you may be asking. That's what our membership class is designed to teach. And here's the really great news: you can complete most of the class just by coming to church every Sunday night in November and the first two weeks in December.

That's right! We'll be teaching our membership class as our sermon series.

We'll have more details for you in the future, but I wanted you to know now about this opportunity so you could make CR attendance a priority. In addition to the sermon series, we'll be scheduling a two-hour membership seminar called the Belong Class. We'll announce the dates and times shortly, but you'll have several opportunities to attend.

What if you don't wish to be a member. No problem. You'll want to come every week anyway to continue your worship experience and also to learn how Church Requel plans to fulfill it's mission and vision. You can even come to the Belong Class just to check it out without any obligation.

I'm really excited about this next step for Church Requel. We've been holding public services for one year now and it's time for us to begin the membership process. I know many of you have been wondering about this too and I hope you'll be as excited as I am when you find out all the details.

With great affection and appreciation - Pastor Mark



Four Lessons from the Prodigals

Lesson #1: Our heavenly Father loves us so much He

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"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?"

Luke 15:4 ESV

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?"

Luke 15: 8 ESV

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him."

Luke 15:20b ESV

"His father came out and entreated him." Luke 15:28b ESV

Help Set Up Or Tear Down

We could use more hands in our setup team and in our tear down team. We setup every Sunday at 2PM. Mostly what is required is a willingness to help carry things from our room downstairs up to the chapel. This only takes about an hour - you could go back home and come back for the service. We could also use help putting things away after the service. The tear down only takes about 45 minutes. If you could stay and help, you'd free someone else to go home early. We appreciate your help!

Children Need Help

We now offer two separate classes one for preschool children and one for elementary children. However, over the last month we've lost two teachers. Could you help - even for just one week out of every six? Our fastest growing demographic is our children! That's the good news. But our dedicated children's workers are now volunteering more than they planned and are missing out on our adult worship services. If you are willing to invest into the lives of our children, please talk to Steve or Jessica or Pastor Mark.

Lesson #2: Our relationship with God changes with our response.

The first prodigal - the response of **EMPTINESS**.

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

Luke 15:21 ESV

The second prodigal - the response of **ENTITLEMENT**.

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.

Luke 15:29 ESV