

Session 3

The Prodigal God

Redefining Sin

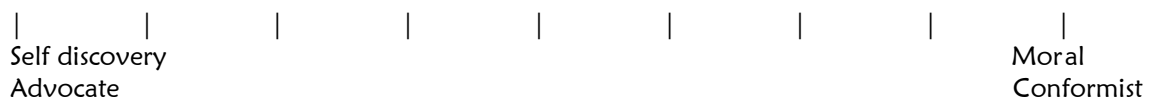
Prayer

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Discussion Questions:

1. What was something you did as a teenager that you wish no one would find out about? If someone did find out (like your parents) do you remember asking them to forgive you? How did that go?
2. If you asked the average person on the street to define the word “sin” what do you think they would say? How does Jesus challenge this definition in the parable?
3. The moral conformists say, “The immoral people—the people who ‘do their own thing’—are the problem with the world, and moral people are the solution.”
The advocates of self-discovery say, “The bigoted—the people who say, ‘We have the Truth’—are the problem with the world, and progressive people are the solution.”

Rate yourself below on how you view yourself in regards to the previous statements.



4. Were there times in your past when you may have been on a different place on the scale? Why?
5. How have you seen both religious and irreligious lifestyles lead to spiritual emptiness? Give examples.

6. Do you agree or disagree that an elder brother is in a more desperate spiritual condition than being a younger brother? Why?

7. What are things that might be keeping you from developing relationships with both elder and younger brothers and sisters at West Side?

Reflect:

My summary of the main point of this Session and how it impacts me personally:

Taking It With You:

Read Chapter 4 in preparation for next week's meeting.
Take notes or make comments below:

Romans 15:7 says, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."
What is one aspect of each member of your group that you appreciate? Write it down.
Give praise to God in prayer.