Small Group Questions November 16th, 2025

- 1. Discuss the overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything "stick with you" throughout this past week?
- 2. What is a time when you were in the older brother's shoes, whether in your family or as a church member? Or if not, as the younger brother did you experience the older brother's reaction? How was that experience?
- 3. Do you ever feel like God owes you? That you deserve more in life because of how long you've been a Christian or how much you have persevered? If so how can you work to refocus your eyes on God, instead of earthly things (what God can give you)? How can others help you in this?
- 4. Have you ever been the parent of the elder son, or a friend in church who would identify with them? How do you react? Do you go after and pursue them as well, or do you scoff at their response? How have you seen (or you yourself done) going after the elder son well?
- 5. How have you (or seen someone else) as the older brother react well to the returning of the younger brother? How was that? Was it a one time forgiveness, or was there reoccurring desires to shun the younger brother, to demand your share from the father? How did/do you keep your eyes on God during all of this?