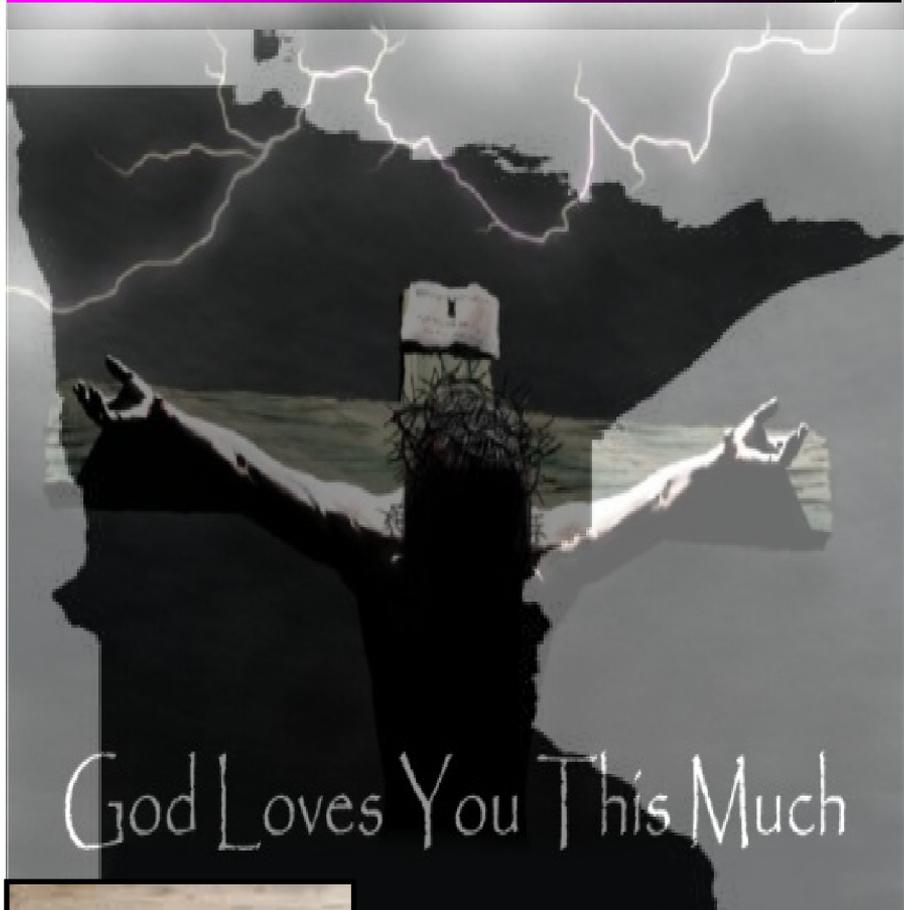


# Family Group Midweek Lessons

February 19, 2014



God Loves You This Much



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## The Waiting Father

*This Family Group Bible-Talk is intended to supplement the January 26th sermon at the MSPCOC. Although having attended or listened to that lesson is helpful, it is not required to take part in the following discussion.*

**Opening Activity:**

- Ask each person to take a few minutes and write down at least

**Read: Luke 15:11-12**

**Group Questions:**

- How would you have felt if you were the Father?
- What would your response have been?
- Why do you think the Father gave him the inheritance before he died?

**Read: Luke 15:13-16**

**Group Questions:**

- What do you think the son felt like at this point?
- Have you ever reached a similar point in your life? What was that like?

**Read: Luke 15:17-20**

**Group Questions:**

- Why did the Father respond like this?
- What does this tell us about what God was doing through the ministry of Jesus (and continues to do for us today)?

**Read: Luke 15:21-24**

**Group Questions:**

- Why does the Father stop the son after only expressing his unworthiness? Why doesn't he let him finish his speech?
- Read Ephesians 2:1-10
- How does that passage echo the sentiments of Luke 15?
- How does it make you feel to know that this is how the Father feels about us? What should our response to the Father be?

**Final Thoughts:**

- Jesus told this story (and the previous two) in response to questions about his ministry and why he was associating with certain people (Luke 15:1-2). Why do you think he told this story to answer those questions? As we reflect God's character to others, what important practical points can we learn from this story?



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