

Read Luke 15:11-32

- Who in this story represents God?
- Who does the older son represent?
 - Hint: Who is the audience in Luke 15:2?
- In what ways have you been like the younger son?
- In what ways have you been like the older son?
- Who is closer to the love of the father?

Read Matthew 20:1-16

- Is it fair that the workers who were in the field all day received the same wage as the latecomers?
- How would you feel if you were one of the latecomers?
- How might you feel if you had been in the field all day?
- What do both of these stories have to do with forgiveness?

If resentment means ‘feeling again’ a wrong that was done to you, do you have resentment in your life?

Do you believe that resentments are the withholding of forgiveness?
Why or why not?

In the Parable of the Older Son and the Parable of the Day Laborers, the antagonist is the self-righteous Pharisees.

- Does an unwillingness to forgive always involve self-righteousness?
- Does an unwillingness to forgive always involve a failure to realize how much you have been forgiven?

Do you understand the depth of your own forgiveness?