

Small Group Questions: ISO/In Search of Character

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Read

Luke 15:11-32, Philippians 2:3-4

Reflect

We all need friends. But, what does it take to have great friends? The Parable of the Prodigal Son can help us understand the types of character qualities we need in order to cultivate great friendships.

Pastor Adam Martin describes three character qualities that we can develop in ourselves to have great relationships.

In Search Of Character

1. Great relationships require courage.

- a. The father in the parable shows courage when he chooses to forgive his son. How can you be courageous in your relationships?
- b. What do you think about the father's response to his wayward son returning home?
- c. What fears do you have about being vulnerable in your relationships?

2. Great relationships require honor.

- a. How would you describe an honorable person?
- b. Why do we treat people differently because of who they are?
- c. Why should we learn to respect and honor each other?
- d. Who is God inviting you to honor?

3. Great relationships require sacrifice.

- a. What do you need to move away from in order to move toward someone or something great?
- b. Why do you think it's so easy to focus on the prodigal son in the parable, rather than the older son who made sacrifices for his brother?
- c. What might you gain from giving up something to move toward someone or something better?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?