**February 24, 2016 – Inductive Bible Study Worksheets**

*Compare and Contrast. Find the negative and the positive in the parable and list them – remember the verse numbers – two examples have been given to help you along…*

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| **Negative** | **Positive** |
| The Pharisees & teachers of the law grumbled & complained (v2) | Sinners/tax collectors gathered around to hear Jesus (v1) |
| Younger son “I perish with hunger” (v17) | How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread (v17) |
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What is different – what is the same?

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| **Younger brother** | **Shared Characteristics** | **Older Brother** |
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| **How does younger brother view…** | **How does older brother view…** |
| **Himself** | **Himself** |
| **His Father** | **His Father** |
| **His Brother** | **His Brother** |

# Application

Read the passages, choose **some** questions from the list below to help us apply the parable message to everyday life.

* Ezekiel 34:11-12
* Isaiah 43:25
* Romans 1:22-25

1. How do we treat those we feel have “sinned” against us? What needs to change in how we treat them?
2. Should Jesus’s practice of associating with sinners be taken as a model for our own discipleship and mission? If so, how should it be applied in practice in our own social setting?
3. “There is no evil that the father’s love cannot pardon and cover, there is no sin that is a match for his grace.” How can this be seen in the parable, in other Bible stories, or in your own experience?
4. If God’s grace is absolutely free and we cannot earn it or merit it in any way, what motivation is there to live an obedient life?
5. Where does the elder brother find his significance and happiness? Where do we tend to look for our significance and happiness? Be specific.
6. “We will never find God unless he first seeks us.” How has this been true in your own experience? Where in the Bible can we see this?
7. “To truly become Christians we must also repent of the reasons we ever did anything right. Pharisees only repent of their sins, **but Christians repent for the very roots of their righteousness, too**.” How is this explanation different from the way most people understand repentance? How does this change the way you repent?
8. If Jesus is our true elder brother, how does this change our relationship with him? Our worship? Our service? Our obedience? Our view of the future?
9. “The ultimate purpose of [Jesus’ life and death] is not only individual salvation and pardon for sins but also the renewal of this world, the end of disease, poverty, injustice, violence, suffering, and death.” In what ways can you be a part of God’s plan to renew all of creation?

## Prayer through song….

Come As You Are – David Crowder   
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjgioXrnEME>

Come out of sadness  
From wherever you've been  
Come broken hearted  
Let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy  
Oh sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
So lay down your burdens  
Lay down your shame  
All who are broken  
Lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt  
Lay down your heart  
Come as you are  
There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table  
Come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't cure  
So lay down your burdens  
Lay down your shame  
All who are broken  
Lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt  
Lay down your heart  
Come as you are  
Come as you are  
Fall in his arms  
Come as you are  
There's joy for the morning  
Oh sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
So lay down your burdens  
Lay down your shame  
All who are broken  
Lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt  
Lay down your heart  
Come as you are (x3)

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## Practice at Home

Homework Wed., Feb. 24, 2016   
Luke 10:25-37 – The Good Samaritan (NASB)

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| 25 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” 27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”  **The Good Samaritan**  30 Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’ 36 Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” 37 And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.” |

1. **Pray!**This is a really familiar passage. Pray that God would show you something new and that you would read it with fresh eyes.
2. **Observe!**
   1. Ask \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Who is speaking? Where are they? What is the situation? How do they answer each other?
   2. Mark \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: What do you think are key words from this passage?
   3. Make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: What do you learn from those key words?
   4. Watch for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:
   5. Note expressions of  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: then, when, the next day
   6. Underline \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ locations: where are they?
   7. Mark terms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: is there any use of “therefore”, “so”, “for this reason”?
   8. Identify the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: What is this parable really about?

1. **Interpret!**
   1. Why do you think Jesus used a Samaritan in this parable? See what you can find out about Samaritans this week. You can look it up in a Bible dictionary or use online ones such as [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com) or [www.biblegateway.com](https://owa.tpc-t.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=0245fcda12534a2283214e33c543766f&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.biblegateway.com).
   2. If you notice the font is different in verse 27 and 28. This means that both the lawyer and Jesus quote the Old Testament. What verses are they quoting? Use a Bible with cross-references, or look up the passage on [www.biblegateway.com](https://owa.tpc-t.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=0245fcda12534a2283214e33c543766f&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.biblegateway.com).
   3. At the right above the passage is a wheel called Page Options. If you click on that, you can check cross-references and those will appear on the passage. If you click on the capital letter, it will even give you the passage! Why are these references important?
2. **Apply!**What lesson is Jesus teaching? What lesson is He teaching you? How does He want you to apply it this week? What is something (or someone) God has put on your heart as you have studied this passage?