



WEEK 1

The Name of Your Shame
Sept 15 & 16, 2017
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STUDY QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time you were embarrassed? Are embarrassment and shame the same thing? Why or why not?

2. Why do you think Jesus told stories to address real questions or criticisms?

Why do you think “sinners” found Him irresistible?

3. Jesus’s critics, the Pharisees, were annoyed by the company Jesus kept. Why? What was their attitude toward sinners?

What is God’s attitude toward sinners?

4. Read Luke 15:11-21. Why do you think the younger son asked for his inheritance early? What do you think his relationship with his father was like?

Why do you think the father gave his son what he asked for?

5. What does it mean to you that the younger son came to his senses? How did he get to that point? How did shame play a role?

6. Pastor Jared said shame is like fear. It's not a place at which to stay. What did he mean?

How did the younger's son shame affect his sense of identity? What was the problem with that?

7. We learned this weekend that self-absorbed shame can cause five responses that God doesn't intend for us to have. What were they?

Which one do you relate to you most?

8. What does it mean to you that there is no shame in the presence of Jesus? How do we know this true?

MEMORIZE Romans 8:1 (NIV): "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

MEDITATE: This week be mindful of your responses to recognized sin. Are you prone to conducting your own shame ceremony? Thank God in prayer for His transforming work in your life and that He loves you for you, not for what you do or don't do.