



WEEK 3

The Dad Who Doesn't Make Sense
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STUDY GUIDE

1. Who is/was your favorite TV dad? What do you like most about this character?

Do you know of a father in real life who is like this?

2. Take a look at Luke 15:25-32. What did it mean that the younger son had returned “safe and sound”?

Can you relate to the older son's response?

3. How did the older son describe his relationship with his father (verse 29)?

Why do you think he felt this way?

4. Both men in this parable misunderstood what it meant to be a son of their father. What distinguishes a slave from a son or daughter?

5. How are the two brothers alike? How are they different?

6. We learned this weekend that when it comes to God's grace it doesn't matter how bad you've been but it also doesn't matter how good you've been either. What does that mean?

How do you feel about that?

7. Pastor Jared said that when you understand grace, sinners will become increasingly comfortable around you, and you will become increasingly comfortable around them. What did he mean by this?

8. Take a look at Isaiah 55:8. What does it mean to you that God is, as Pastor Jared reminded us, Other, that He is not like us?

How is grace a "divine insanity?"

MEMORIZE Isaiah 5:8 (NIV): "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

MEDITATE: This week spend some time in prayer thanking God that He does not deal with you as your sins deserve (Psalm 103:10) but rather is lavishly extravagant with His grace concerning you.