

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. On April 20, 2021, ThornCreek made 18 years! Praise God. Please share your favorite memory, season, or event that you've had at ThornCreek.

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Today, we're looking at a challenging time in the life of the Prodigal Son. Please read Luke 15:11-14. What are your initial thoughts?

3. What are your thoughts about this quote? "If there's not a need to challenge you, there won't be a word to stir you." (TD Jakes). What's the greatest need in your life?

4. How would you define a "famine?"
 - a. Compare with Lamentations 5:10.
 - b. Have you ever experienced a famine?

5. There are examples in the bible of famines. Please read the following verses and discuss how God used the famine to accomplish His purpose.
 - a. Genesis 12:10
 - b. Genesis 47:4
 - c. Ruth 1:1
 - d. 2 Samuel 21:1
 - e. 1 Kings 17:1
 - f. Amos 8:11-13
 - g. Acts 11:28
 - h. Deuteronomy 8:1-3

6. God knows one of the best ways to get your attention is through your stomach. Have you ever fasted from a meal to give your attention to God?

7. How was the mindset of the Prodigal Son changed due to hunger?
 - a. What became important to Him?
 - b. What can we learn from this?
 - c. When was the last time you heard a word from God?

8. According to these verses, what does Jesus offer?
 - a. John 4:13-14
 - b. John 6:35
 - c. John 7:37-39

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Your scarcity is God territory for multiplicity.

- God wants you to crave something better. It's a new mindset. It's an abundance that will never run out.

- God will let you go hungry to show you your poverty, but He'll let you find your way back to Him to show you His plenty.