8. The eldest son is full of bitterness. Read Paul's instructions for Christ-like living in Ephesians 4:29-32. Why should we be so wary of bitterness?

9. Why is it important that we learn to "celebrate the grace of God in everyone"?

10. Chances are that you have heard this parable before. Did anything new arise out of this study for you?

Response – Making it Practical

- 1. How entitled do you feel in your relationships? How entitled do you feel in your relationship to God?
- 2. How easy (or hard) is it for you to accept the love and the grace of God in your life?
- 3. How did this study challenge you?

Bad Move

Quake - Part 6

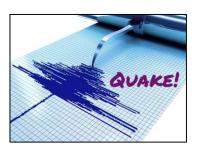


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Life Group Study Notes

Everybody has them. They fill our lives with purpose and even passion, but they also cause great pain and heartache. We literally cannot live without them, but even at their best, they are filled with mistakes and need repair. How do we best manage them? Is redemption in our relationships really possible?



Study - Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What was the big takeaway for you from last week's study?

- 2. Take some time again as a group to read the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32. Discuss what causes the relational "quake" in each of the three main characters:
 - a. Youngest Son
 - b. Father
 - c. Eldest Son

3. The youngest son felt he deserved more. Why is a spirit of entitlement so dangerous to any relationship?

4. Surrounded by hunger, pigs and aloneness the youngest son realized what a colossal mistake he had made. Why does it often take brokenness to make us come to our senses?

5. Discuss the following relationship principle: "Live in the present, but live for the future."

6. What surprises you about the response of the Father in this parable? Does the party seem "over the top"? What does this reveal to you about the heart of God?

7. What difference would it make to our relationships if we could learn to "see the person and not the problem"?