



**Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!**

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** , The Other One - 8/22/2021- Every party has one, and this one represents the critics Jesus was addressing in these parables. The scary thing is the older brother was the other lost one in the passage. His sin was hidden, his pride was out of control, he didn't love the father just the father's stuff. There are however a few checks we can keep in front of us to help us keep tabs on our own hearts and whoever you are God still wants you to experience the party. (Passage: Luke 15:25-32)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

Have you ever been the reluctant guest at a party (otherwise known as a party pooper)? What happened?

Is love the best motivator? If so why or how? If not, what else would you put up there with it and why?

Read Luke 15:25-31 (Read the whole chapter if the group needs a refresher). What sticks out to you about the story of the older brother?

How would you describe the older brothers actions and attitudes...Toward his bother? Toward his father? Toward himself?

What are some difference between compliance and faithfulness? What is God's desire for us? Can you find scripture to back it up?

What are some practical ways to see if pride is a sin we are struggling with?

What are some ways to move from being offended to compassion when dealing with people who see things differently from you?

What could one do to prevent becoming like the older brother in this story?

How can you apply this message this week?

**Group Challenge:** Discover your giftedness by taking the S.H.A.P.E. test. Share the results with your team. (It will be fun!)