

Part 3 -

We feel we have to fix ourselves before we can come to church.

QUESTION FROM STAGE:

Think about the first time you walked in here. What were you most nervous about?



SCRIPTURE:

Luke 15:20–24: “So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. What are some other ways of saying “I feel guilty”? (e.g., I don’t want to face them; let’s just drop it; I don’t want to talk about it; he probably doesn’t want to see me either.)
2. Have you ever felt that way about praying to God or coming back to Transit?
3. What might someone do to make a student feel unwelcome?
4. Had the son changed anything about his appearance or habits before he got to his dad?
5. Before the son could finish his apology and explain what he had done, what did the dad do? (Hugged him, gave him the items that showed he was his son, rejoiced, started a party) Did the son earn this?
6. Define “grace” in your own words.
7. Do you think the people you want to invite to Transit have to change their appearances or habits before they can come? How do you know that?
8. Have you ever not invited someone to Transit because you’d be embarrassed to show up with them? Why? Is that a loving thing to do?
9. When you think about inviting someone to Transit, who is the first person that comes to mind? What’s holding you back?

