



CONNECT



BRMC CG Transformation Guide

Series: 4As of Biblical *Koinonia*

Text: Matthew 21:28–32

Title: The Two Sons

Date: 22–23 April 2023

A. Sermon Recap (20 mins)

1. Invite participants to take turns to read the biblical text aloud. If the time permits, read the text again after a time of silent reflection.
2. Is there something in the text/sermon that particularly touched or troubled you?

3. What would be the main lesson for you from the sermon?

B. Transformation Questions (60 mins)

1. As you read the parable of the two sons, which son do you identify with? Briefly share your reasons.
2. The preacher spoke about a “religious unbeliever.” Describe in your own words what this term means (cf. Jesus’ words in Matt. 21, and Wesley’s quote below).

“I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.” John Wesley

3. If we take the Bible's authority seriously, we will obey what it says. Share an area in your life that God is calling you into obedience. Be as specific as you can.
(You may use Wesley's self-reflection questions below as a guide)

12 of Wesley's 22 Self-Reflection Questions

- a. *Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?*
- b. *Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?*
- c. *Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?*
- d. *Am I enjoying prayer?*
- e. *When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?*
- f. *Do I pray about the money I spend?*
- g. *Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?*
- h. *Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?*
- i. *Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the tax collector?*
- j. *Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?*
- k. *Do I grumble or complain constantly?*
- l. *Is Christ real to me?*

C. Prayer for one another (10 mins)

Pray for one another, that we would be empowered by the Spirit to live out specific areas of transformation raised during CG time. Pray also for personal needs shared. Remember to pray for our church, our nation, and our world as the Lord leads.

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