

“PARTY!”

Luke 15:1-10 - Pastor Bruce French

How does God view the pursuit of sinners?

1. God views the pursuit of sinners as a _____.

Luke 15:3-4

ASK...

- Who are my _____?

2. God views the pursuit of sinners as _____.

Luke 15:8

ASK...

- What effort have I made to _____?

3. God views the pursuit of sinners as _____.

Luke 15:5-6 & 9

ASK...

- Have I given up on _____?

TAKE HOME TRUTH

1. God views the redemption of sinners as a

_____!

Luke 15:7 & 10

ASK...

- Do I have plans to _____?

Today's Core Belief:

Man & Sin: I believe all people are loved by God, and because of my sins, I need Jesus Christ as my Savior.
(from John 3:16)

Today's Action:

Take time to contemplate and pray about the stated question in today's outline.



Deeper Connection Study

There is an evident divide between insiders and outsiders - those “deserving” of God’s favor and those who are not. In Luke 15:1-10, Jesus shares 2 parables to help his audience understand the nature of God as well as his kingdom mission.

Today’s Core Belief discussed: Personal God.

Read Luke 15:1-10

1. Who is Jesus’ audience and why does he respond by speaking a parable (vv. 1-3)?
2. How do you see persistence in the shepherd (vv. 4-7)? What does this indicate about his caring attitude? How is this representative of God (cf. Ps. 23:1-4; Isa. 40:11; Ezek. 34:11-16)?
3. Why is seeking what is lost so important to Jesus?
4. What is the correlation between rejoicing and repenting in these two parables?
5. Have you ever strayed from God or your Christian beliefs? How did God find you and retrieve you?
6. How can you tangibly demonstrate God’s love and concern for those who are lost or strayed from Christ?

PRAPRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that he seeks the lost! Ask God to use you to pursue the lost and invite people to know Jesus Christ. Pray for people to return to Jesus.

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“LIFE PRINCIPLES IN THE PARABLES”

APRIL 15, 2018 - Luke 15:1-10

Every believer reading this note has a neighbor, friend, or loved one who is distant from God and outside of His will. This individual might be a son or a daughter, a grandson or granddaughter. He may be an old college roommate, or she may be a niece or close cousin. Whoever that person might be in your life, more than likely, his or her distance from God brings you sorrow.

This reality can produce a number of reactions. It can result in denial by the believer. Rather than accepting the spiritual state of their loved one, it is easier to pretend that it doesn’t exist. Other times this spiritual state can create a militant attitude in the believer, which in turn, heaps guilt and shame upon the wandering soul. Most often, this common sorrow the believer experiences results in discouragement and depression as he or she contemplates the destiny of his or her loved one.

The parable of the “Lost Sheep” and the “Lost Coin” paint a different perspective than the reactions stated above. In these two stories Jesus beautifully portrays the reaction of our heavenly Father when a person goes astray. His reaction offers an example for us to follow and a hope for us to possess!

