

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 6, 2020

CONSIDER THE TEXT

- Read Luke 15:1-32.

DISCUSS THE SERMON

1. Describe the context in which Jesus tells these 3 stories? (*What was happening? Who was there? What was being said? etc.*)
2. Why do you think the Pharisees were bothered by Jesus hanging out with certain types of people?
3. What are the repeated themes in these 3 stories that confront the Pharisees' attitude.
4. Why would a shepherd leave 99 sheep to find 1, and why would a woman spend all her time and energy just to find 1 coin?
5. Did you notice that Jesus left the story open-ended as to how the older brother responded to his father's invitation (v. 25-32)? Why do you think that is?

APPLY THE TRUTH

1. What do these stories teach us about the character of God?
2. What do you think it was about Jesus that compelled sinners to "draw near to Him"? Would this be true of our church as a whole? Why or why not? In what ways can you as an individual help in this?
3. What is it in your life that keeps you from pursuing "sinners"? What ways of thinking or living do you need to develop to become one who goes after those who are lost? How can we help each other in this?
4. Is there anything else from the message that challenged or encouraged you?

PRAY WITH & FOR ONE ANOTHER

1. Thank God that He is a God who relentlessly pursues and calls sinners back to Himself.
2. Thank God for the salvation He brought to you through Jesus!
3. Pray that God would grow us to be those who view others the way God does and, in love, pursue them with the gospel.
4. Share the name of one person you are reaching out to with the gospel and, as a group, pray for that person to be saved?

Other Prayer Needs:

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