



“This Man (Joyfully!) Receives Sinners”

Luke 15:1-10

August 5th, 2019

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What are your greatest causes for joy? What makes your heart sing?

QUICK REVIEW

The Gospel of Luke is a detailed, carefully-researched account of the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luke 9-19 records the Lord’s movement from Galilee to Jerusalem where He will die for our sin. As large crowds continue to gather to and accompany Jesus, even notorious sinners and tax collectors are drawing close to consider his teaching. This is troublesome to the Pharisees. But we see a very different response from Christ.

Read Luke 15:1-10

The two parables reveal:

1. God’s _____ for the lost (4, 8)
2. God’s _____ over the found (5-7, 9-10)

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Jesus spoke these parables in response to the criticism and complaints of the Pharisees. What kinds of things have you been criticized for? How do you typically react to those who criticize you? How should you?
2. The Pharisees perception of holiness required them to be distant from sinners. Is this the case? How should we understand being separate or distinct? What of the teaching the bad company corrupts character? I Corinthians 15:33-34
3. What is the meaning of “lost” in relation to human beings? Do they really get lost? How does one lose their way before God?
4. When have you rejoiced in seeing lost person come to Christ? Who are the people God is leading you to reach out to. Read Colossians 4:2-6. What encouragement do you find here?