

MESSAGES

LOST AND FOUND

STORIES WORTH LIVING, THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PART 6 | WILL BRANCH

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Who are the Lost?

Pharisees: "Those people."

Tax Collectors and sinners: "Us people"

Jesus: "All people."

How to be found

Pharisees: "I'm found because of my service."

Tax collectors and sinners: "I need to be found because of my actions."

Jesus: "I seek. The lost repent. There's joy in heaven."

What they conclude:

Pharisees: "My service proves my worth."

Tax Collectors and Sinners: "My actions changed my worth."

Jesus: "Your identity determines your worth."

STUDY GUIDE

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open up the Word to you as you study.
2. Read Luke 15:1-2. Why do you suppose there are such different responses to Jesus?
3. Read the rest of the chapter. Compare and contrast these stories.
4. What is Jesus' point with these stories?
5. Who do each of the characters in the parables represent?
6. Why is there more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than ninety-nine righteous people that don't need to repentant?
7. Read v. 11-12. Why do you suppose the father divided his wealth?
8. Verse 17 says that the son came to his senses. What does that mean and what does it imply?
9. Why do you think the son believed he had a chance to come back home after what he did?
10. Read v. 25-31. Why did the older brother respond this way?
11. What does this parable teach us about God? The Church? Ourselves?
12. What are some takeaways from this passage?

READING PLAN

To encourage us together in our growth with God, we arranged a weekday reading plan through this series. As you read each day, ask God to speak to you from His word.

Monday, June 19 Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, June 20 Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday, June 21 Luke 15:11-32

Thursday, June 22 Ephesians 2:1-10

Friday, June 23 Psalm 51:10-17