

Sermon Discussion Questions for November 17, 2019

God's People Should Celebrate What He Celebrates – Luke 15

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. In the parable, the shepherd is willing to leave the 99 sheep to go after the 1. Why do you think this is the case? He already has 99 – why does he care about the 1 that is missing? Why is God so happy and joyful over the 1 who loses his/her way but eventually comes back to the fold?
 3. A coin that is lost has no intellect as it is an inanimate object. So, the coin does not know that it is lost. Are there people in our world that have no idea they are lost and need to be rescued from the consequences of their sin? When someone hears the gospel and responds that they need God's forgiveness and did not realize they must find it through belief in Jesus, how does that make us feel? Are we surprised there are those that have never heard the gospel? Or do we celebrate with them and become more inspired to share the good news to others like them?
 4. Does the prodigal son know what he is doing is wrong? Why do you think he rebels against all that his father and family have taught him? What does God do to get him back on track?
 5. What action does the son take after he recognizes his desperate situation? How does the father react? How do you react when someone of "ill-repute" comes seeking forgiveness and restoration? Do "big brother" thoughts ever creep into your mind?
 6. At Liberty, are we sincerely and genuinely interested in seeing lives changed and transformed by the gospel? Do we intentionally align ourselves with Jesus in order "to seek and to save that which is lost"? How does God respond to the sheep, coin, and son that were lost but are now found?
 7. Will you seek ways to connect with the lost and celebrate when they align their lives with God's purpose and plan? Even if they have sinned against you in the past, will you be like God and welcome them with open arms and forgiveness?
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

