Search and Rescue

He came to Seek and to Save the lost

Sermon Introduction

God has been on a rescue mission since the fall of man. He is relentlessly searching for and chasing after us. He loves us so much, that He was willing to risk everything and pay the highest cost for our redemption and the .

Passage:

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Personal Reflection and Group Discussion Questions

- 1. Read the parable of the lost sheep and lost coin in Luke 15. Compare and contrast. How does this express how God feels about us?
- 2. Paul uses the word "Koinonia" to describe our relationship and unity of purpose with other believers. Why is Koinonia so important? (Acts 2)

- 3. Why is it so important that we start by sharing our lives within the Body of Christ? Why is important that we continue to gather together? (Hebrews 10: 24)
- 4. How does Sharing our Lives tie all of the other values (Love God, Grow Together, Serve) together?
- 5. In light of Matthew 5, how can we be more salty (in the good sense :) or bright to the world around us?
- 6. What are some ways that we can Share our Lives here at EBC? Within our Community?

Prayer

Often a position of submission helps us physically connect with the spiritual reality of meeting God. A posture of kneeling with open hands can demonstrate our willingness to submit to God's power.

- Praise God for his blessings in your life.
- Confess any ways that you've been greedy or selfish with His blessings.
- Ask God to help you to see opportunities within your spheres of influence to bless others, and in so doing, show them the love of God.