

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Bible study for the week starting August 29, 2021
Parables of Jesus: Humbled and Exalted

SHARE

1. On a scale of 1-10, how overwhelmed and/or wearied are you by the last 18 months? Is it getting better because you're seeing progress or worse because it seems like it just won't end?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Ezekiel 33:10-16. Jesus was criticized for hanging out too much with "sinners." What do we learn from these verses about God's heart for the "wicked?"
3. Read 2 Peter 3:8-10a. God patiently deals with us according to His promises, with the goal that we would be led to repentance. How do these truths fit with the lessons of the parable of the lost sheep (and the ones that follow)?
4. Read Luke 15:1-7. This is a familiar enough passage that it's hard to think about learning new lessons from it. But everytime we hear an eternal truth, we are called to apply it to our current context. How do these lessons apply *here* and *now*...at such a time as this?
5. Pastor Eric referenced a message given by Dr. Ed Stetzer at Saddleback Community Church. If you watch for a couple minutes at the 21:00 mark and then again at 38:40, he does a good job of addressing cultural issues from the standpoint of Biblical unity and division. This was quite a discussion starter for our staff as we live in the tension of doing ministry in times like this. Spend some time discussion the issues and application it brings up for you.



Dr. Ed Stetzer Message

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives and pray for these joys and needs.

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Parables: The Lost Sheep

Luke 15:1-7

August 29, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

What we've learned thus far:

- Some who are LAST will be FIRST (and vice versa).
- Everyone who EXALTS himself will be HUMBLED (and vice versa).
- Your guest list and seating chart STINK.

UNITY doesn't come because of our UNIFORMITY.

"This man receives SINNERS and eats with them."

Instead of being overwhelmed by the GLOBAL problem, Jesus was often moved to action by the plight of INDIVIDUAL people.

These aren't NUMBERS; these are NAMES!

THEOLOGY or IDEOLOGY?

Who (besides Jesus) are you intentionally or accidentally allowing to DISCIPLE you?

No SHEEP left behind!