



Week 11- “Lost Coin, Lost Sheep, and Lost Son: Don’t Forget Where You Came From”

In this series we are taking a few weeks to discover who Jesus is through Luke’s Gospel. He wrote an account of the True story of Jesus so that we could know the difference between grace and works. We hope to discover who Jesus is, and what He did for us. In this week’s message, we explore three parables Jesus told that reminded people of where they came from. These parables shed light into our own hearts and can help us see God, ourselves, and others in a way that truly reflects life in the Kingdom of God.

Read Luke 15

1. Can you share a time where you’ve acted “better than” someone else or “forgotten where you’ve come from?”
2. Jesus intentionally spent time with tax collectors and sinners while the Pharisees grumbled. Why do you think the religious leaders found Jesus’ choice of company so offensive?
3. How does this challenge your own social boundaries today?

In the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin, the owner goes to find the lost one.

4. What does this tell us about what Jesus was doing and how God views each individual person?

Entrance into the Kingdom of God is humility and repentance. In his third parable Jesus defines repentance as changing your mind about God and yourself then trusting Him with everything.

5. How would you define humility and repentance?

6. Why do you think these are needed to enter the Kingdom of God?

In the third parable the father runs to meet his son, kisses him, and restores his status immediately with a robe and ring. In that culture, this was considered shameful for a patriarch.

7. What does this "undignified" love reveal about God's character?

The older brother was angry because he felt his years of "slaving" and obedience deserved a reward that the "sinful" brother received for free.

8. Have you ever felt resentment toward someone who received grace after living recklessly? Can you share more about that?

9. Why does Jesus want to reveal to the Pharisees and scribes they are just as much the "younger brother" and essentially the same as tax collectors and sinners?

10. How does this help you view your own relationship with God and others?

11. How can you practically allow the Holy Spirit to help you see yourself and others in light of God's love and grace?

Christianity teaches that everyone is welcome into the Kingdom of God. Jesus desires to love us, forgive us, and have an intimate relationship with us but He won't force Himself and make us choose to accept Him. He gives us the dignity to decide. Will you lean in and keep discovering who He is? May we all know that we're way more sinful than we can imagine. We're all the younger brother, Jesus loves us way more than we could ever hope for and In Him, we are made whole beyond our wildest dreams.