



Luke 15; John 20:21; 17:18

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Sermon Summary

In Luke 14, Jesus clearly identifies the Cost of Discipleship saying, “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). Jesus renounced everything he had to be sent to earth. “Though Jesus was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus sends his disciples to do what he did, the way he did it! “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you (John 20:21). In Luke 14, Jesus points to a banquet for the poor, crippled, blind and lame telling his disciples to invite such people.

Are you Living Sent?

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. John 17:18

First Baptist Church Gulfport - 125 years of Living Sent.

Which is the most significant year in our church history? THIS ONE!!!

The purpose of the Church is to Reach the Lost and Make Disciples!

Diving Into The Message

The Lost Sheep: Leave the Ninety-Nine

Luke 15:1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable:

Luke 15:1-3

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:4-7

Lost Sheep: 1 out of 100

Lost Coin: 1 out of 10

The woman left the nine coins to look for the one. The 9 were safe. She knew where they were. You and I can focus too much attention on the 9 that we miss the ONE!!!

The shepherd left the ninety-nine to look for the one. The 99 were safe. He knew where they were. You and I can focus too much attention on the 99 that we miss the ONE!!!

Living Sent

Who is your ONE?

1. Go after the one that is lost, until he finds it
2. Lays it on his shoulders
3. Rejoices Alone
4. Call together friends and neighbors, "Rejoice with me."
5. MORE JOY in Heaven over ONE who REPENTS than over NINETY-NINE Righteous Persons who need no REPENTANCE.



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Life Application Questions

1. Why was the ONE so important? Coin? Sheep? Son?
2. Jesus brilliantly progresses from inanimate object, to animal, to son and finally to angry brother. He also moves the hearer from 1 out of 100, to 1 out of 10, to 1 out of 2 and then 2 out of 2. Where are you on this progressive scale? Do you see lost people as coins, sheep or son/brother?
3. What should motivate us to reach the lost living around us?
4. What captures your heart in these parables? The lost? The seeker? The joy with friends and neighbors? The joy in Heaven?
5. What was the sense of the lost sheep when found and carried back to the flock? What is the sense or feeling of the lost when they are found?
6. What can you do to seek the lost that live on the Mississippi Gulf Coast? What can you do to carry the lost back to the flock?
7. Who is your ONE?
8. Spend time praying to the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest field. (Matthew 9:37-38)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



we will host a dinner on the grounds for the whole church. At 1:00 PM we will begin a Celebration of Life Service to honor loved ones lost this past year. Please join us as we honor these members and many others with connections to our congregation and together worship Jesus, the one who gives us hope and life!

When we look back in time, we will undoubtedly say that 2020 was a period of great difficulty and challenge for our nation, our community, and the world. However, as Christians, we know that God remains faithful especially in times of great adversity. We grieve, but when we do hope is not lost because our hope is in Jesus for this life and the life to come! Following our regular worship service at 10:30 AM on Sunday, May 23

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