



Message Notes

Week 4: Luke 15:1-32 (ESV)

Welcome to our new series, "Parables"! This series coincides with our upcoming Vacation Bible School, July 24-28. We want to offer a shared experience for you and your kids and grandkids.

Big Idea for this week:

Sharing our _____ is how we _____.

1. Jesus' love for the lost calls us to share _____ story

2. Our love for the lost calls us to share _____ story

Big Idea: story / love // 1. His 2. our

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What stuck out to you about this week's parables? Why do you think Jesus chose to use parables to teach the Pharisees who God wants us to care for? Who does it teach us to care for? How should we feel about the lost? About those who come home?

What is our attitude towards someone who has become lost?

1. Hate them
2. Regard them with indifference
3. Welcome them when they come to you
4. Seek them and find them

What is our attitude towards someone who comes home?

1. Are we indifferent?
2. Are we skeptical?
3. Are we judgmental?
4. Or are we full of joy?

It's easy to feel any of these things. Jesus reminds us through this parable that our response to the lost should be compassion, love, care, and concern for them. The prodigal son reminds us that we are to be full of joy and celebrate when someone comes to their Father in repentance.

2. How is God speaking to you today? Have you had the attitude of seeking out the lost? Of showing joy when the lost are found? In order to seek out the lost, with whom is God calling you to share the story that He is writing in you this week?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for Your story that You are writing in us and for allowing us to share our story with others. Thank You that You seek out and find lost people and make whole the broken in Your Name. Amen.