

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 10, 2024

ONE Campaign

The Lost Sheep

4"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. 6When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' 7In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

Luke 15:4-7

We could live the rest of our lives enjoying the company of the 99 but we would miss out on the Joy of Heaven and the purpose God has called us to.

"Club 99" - A group of Christians who are only concerned for the wellbeing of the herd. They find comfort and protection by never straying from the herd. While they are aware that someone is missing they prioritize their own safety over their desire to go after the lost sheep.

ONE is a big number in God's economy.

You are invited to make 2 investments

1. Relational Investment

- We envision a church where everyone has at least one person in their life that they are sharing the love of Jesus with through genuine, caring relationships.

2. Financial Investment

- We have purposefully made a more spacious and modern worship space to make room for your neighbor or friend. Ask God how He would have you [contribute](#) towards paying off this new space.



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The Great Commission

“18 I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Questions for thought and discussion:

1. Reflect on what first brought you to Maple City Chapel? Did someone invite you? Were you going through a life transition? Were you reconstructing your faith in some way?
2. Read the Luke 15 passage above: In what environments have you experienced “Club 99”? How does that mentality incongruent with the Great Commission or the Joy of heaven mentioned in Luke 15?
3. Who are one or two people in your life that do not know Jesus that you could intentionally connect with? Make intentional effort this week to reach out to them or connect with them in some meaningful way. Be gentle. Be kind. Just be their authentic friend.
4. If you have a hard time naming someone in your life who does not know Jesus, be serious about praying about that. Ask God to bring someone into your life and keep your eyes open. He will honor that request.
5. If you are meeting in a group - share those names with one another and pray for each other.

