

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 17, 2024

ONE Campaign

The Lost Sheep

“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? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ In 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

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” John 20:21 (NIV)

The ONE matters to God!

We have been drafted to partner with God to seek and rescue the ONE!

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.

Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish what you started a year ago. Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. 2 Corinthians 8:10-11 (NLT)



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Paul's Giving Advice

1. Give generously
 - a. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. 2 Corinthians 8:3 (NLT)
 - b. If you want God to show up and do what only God can do, you have to take on more than you can do on your own
2. Give proportionally
 - a. Give in proportion to what you have... 2 Corinthians 8:11 (NLT)
 - b. The size of your sacrifice matters more to God than the size of your gift
3. Give intentionally
 - a. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)
 - b. Make giving a priority, develop a plan and follow through
4. Give cheerfully, enthusiastically, and eagerly
 - a. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)
 - b. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)
 - c. In fact, it was your enthusiasm that stirred up many of the Macedonian believers to begin giving. 2 Corinthians 9:2 (NLT)

Your offering not only supplies what is lacking for God's people, it inspires an outpouring of praises and thanksgiving to God himself. 2 Corinthians 9:12 (TPT)

Generosity turns money into stories!

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. 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



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them or connect with them in some meaningful way. Just be their authentic friend.

3. If you have a hard time naming someone in your life who does not know Jesus, be serious about praying about it. Ask God to bring someone into your life and keep your eyes open. He will honor that request.
4. Pastor Jay said that generosity turns money into stories. Have you ever been on the receiving end of someone's financial generosity? How did it impact you?
5. What is the most generous gift you've ever given? Why does generosity lead to such meaning and joy?
6. Let's finish what we started!
 - If you pledged toward the ONE Campaign, finish strong - whether that means giving less or more than you pledged
 - If you are new and haven't contributed, pray and ask God what it looks like to do your part
 - You can [contribute](#) here!

