

# DEVOTED TO JESUS

## To Go as a Disciple

2-13-22

Recap: Disciple – Connecting – Giving – Serving – Going

*Luke 15:1-3* - Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**” <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable...

- Jesus is going to tell us how He sees people who are far from God.

1. Jesus uses three metaphors to describe their \_\_\_\_\_.

A. He sees them as lost \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 15:4-7* - “**Suppose one of you** has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, **he joyfully puts it on his shoulders** <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

- A person far from God lacks spiritual understanding that causes them to be \_\_\_\_\_ in character and will.

*Matthew 9:36-38* - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were **harassed** and **helpless**, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

B. He sees them as a lost \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 15:8* - “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”

- A person far from God lacks \_\_\_\_\_.

C. He sees them as a lost \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 15:11-16* - Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a **severe famine** in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and **hired himself out** to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> **He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.**"

- A person far from God lacks \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jesus uses three metaphors to reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A. Seeking Shepherd = \_\_\_\_\_

*John 10:11* - "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

*Luke 19:10* - "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

- It is the nature of the Son to \_\_\_\_\_ people far from God.

B. Seeking Woman = \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 15:8* - "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. **Does she not light a lamp**, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"

- It is the nature of the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ truth to people far from God and believers.

*John 16:7-9* - "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me..."

C. Seeking Father = \_\_\_\_\_

- It is the nature of the Father to \_\_\_\_\_ people far from God.

*Luke 15:17-24* – “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. **But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**

<sup>21</sup> The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.’<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

3. The **condition** (Weakness, lack of purpose and fulfillment) of the person who is far away from God and the **nature** (rescuing, revealing and receiving) of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit gives us a picture of what the Church should be about when it comes to “GO”.

- To \_\_\_\_\_ the people who are far away from God.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ the truth in LOVE.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ them with grace.

*John 17:18* – “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”

*Acts 1:8* – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **ends of the earth**.”

<b>“Jerusalem”</b>	= The people closest to me
<b>“Judea/Samaria”</b>	= People near but different from me
<b>“Ends of the earth”</b>	= Everybody else!

*Acts 4:29* – Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.