

SERMON NOTES

Series: Our Core Values

Title: *A Heart for the Lost*

Text: Luke 15:1-32

Topic: Evangelism

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Our CORE VALUES

Jesus came to, "... *seek and to save the lost.*" (Luke 19:10)

Learning from Jesus' story about the **LOST SHEEP**...

1. JESUS **INITIATES** THE SEARCH:
2. LOST PEOPLE ARE A **TOP PRIORITY** TO JESUS:

As long as there is **one person** that doesn't know the Lord, we must **continue** our search and rescue mission

3. FINDING THE LOST SHEEP IS CAUSE FOR **CELEBRATION**:

Learning from Jesus' story about The **LOST COIN**

1. JESUS CARES ABOUT **QUANTITY**.
2. JESUS **PERSISTENTLY** SEARCHES.

In **34** of the 40 times Jesus heals someone in the Bible, **JESUS** found them or **SOMEONE** brought them to Jesus.

How people come to know Christ...

- a. **1%** evangelistic crusades (revivals)
- b. **4%** through church programs
- c. **4%** through small groups
- d. **5%** as walk-ins
- e. **8%** because of a pastor,
- f. **76%** through friends or a relative

3. THERE IS **GREAT CELEBRATION** WHEN THE COIN IS FOUND.

Learning from Jesus' story about **THE LOST SON**

1. GOD'S LOVE IS **PATIENT** BUT **EXPECTANT**.

Everyday the father was **WATCHING** patiently and expectantly.

SO WHAT, NOW WHAT? We must....

1. **DECIDE**
2. **PREPARE**
3. **FOCUS**

Seven Specific Scriptural Ways to Pray for the Lost:

1. Pray that God would convict them of sin. (John 16:18)
2. Pray that their eyes would be opened to truth. (II Corinthians 4:4)
3. Pray that laborers would be sent to them. (Matthew 9:38)
4. Pray that their hearts would soften to the Gospel. (Hebrews 3:12-13)
5. Pray that they would be protected from the enemy of their souls. (John 17:15)
6. Pray that they would have no peace until they find Christ. (John 14:27)
7. Pray that God would draw them to Himself (John 6:44)