

Getting Started

1. What is the most valuable item you have lost? Did you find it?
2. Have you ever found another person's valuable item? What did you do with it?
3. What causes you to look down on a person?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21:

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;¹ it is also a wholehearted trust,² which the Holy Spirit creates in me³ by the gospel,⁴ that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also,⁵ forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.⁶ These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.⁷

¹ John 17:3, 17; Heb. 11:1-3; James 2:19 ² Rom. 4:18-21; 5:1; 10:10; Heb. 4:14-16 ³ Matt. 16:15-17; John 3:5; Acts 16:14 ⁴ Rom. 1:16; 10:17; 1 Cor. 1:21 ⁵ Gal. 2:20 ⁶ Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:10 ⁷ Rom. 3:21-26; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-10

The Pharisees and scribes did not believe that the tax collectors and sinners were exhibiting true faith. In what ways do you exhibit your true faith?

6. Read Mathew 18:12-14. Is this the same parable as found in Luke 15 or a different parable?
7. Read Luke 15:11-32. How does this parable fit in with the other two? How does it enhance the other two parables?
8. What is the point of the parables found in Matthew 13:44-46? How do they tie in with our sermon this morning?

Application

9. Jesus went through a lot to take on our sin and defeat death. Take time this week to think about all the Jesus has done for you and sincerely tell God "thank you."

Questions

February 15 – Leviticus 8-10 – Aaron’s sons deliberately disobey God. Is God’s response too severe?

February 16 – Leviticus 11-13 – There are certain animals that God says the people of Israel cannot eat, why?

February 17 – Leviticus 14-15 – Why are there so many laws dealing with cleanliness?

February 18 – Leviticus 16-18 – Many of the laws regarding unlawful sexual relations given by God were broken by different people in the book of Genesis. Will they be held accountable for those laws even though they were not given to them?

February 19 – Leviticus 19-21 – Some of these laws seem oddly specific. Such as “Nor shall you wear a garment of cloth made of two kinds of material.” Why is God giving such specific laws to the people?

February 20 – Leviticus 22-23 – Take note of the differences between the varying festivals. Why does God institute so many different festivals?

February 21 – Leviticus 24-25 – The year of Jubilee is one of God's most far reaching laws. How different would the world be today if it were still in affect?

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The Gospel According to Luke

“The Joy of Being Found”

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:8-10

- **God _____ in the _____ of the lost.**
- **God’s _____ for the lost cannot be _____.**
- **_____ are lost, and can only be _____ in Jesus Christ.**

Topics: Salvation, Joy, Sinners