

Message Series: Lost

Message Title: Lost and Found

Key Scripture:

Luke 15

Theme

'See, Hear and Understand' so we can turn to God, was described by Isaiah about the Saviour. The gospels reference to Jesus' art of storytelling, draws this same conclusion. We can learn so much about God from what Jesus was highlighting within each parable. Where we are invited to write ourselves into each story to see, hear and understand God there.

Message Summary

Jesus tells three expanding stories of lostness. Around Jesus, his purpose is intensifying and he tells these stories to highlight God's passion and His own purpose to save. These stories challenge our love and viewpoint of salvation. What and who would we rejoice over? What is out of place but still holds its value? What do we not want to lose? As a result, we can still be outside of God's heart and home if we are not careful.

Whole Group Questions

- **Think & Talk:** Jesus as a master storyteller expressed meaning in stories. Many of these are listed by Luke in his gospel. Although each story, were of particular people in given cultural settings, where we seldom appreciate the tension they can speak to us today by: 1) Symbols – What are the points of contact /context to the real world? Then + Now. 2) Response – What is Jesus pressing for in a response? Then + Now. 3) Cluster of thought – What multiple things does it say about God? Then + Now.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Share your experiences of God's grace.

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

How do you recognise the love of God for you? How is this shown in your life?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

How do you see ministry in God's house through the lens of Luke 15?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

Do we know anyone we deem to be lost? What do we pray? What will we do?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

Don't stay out of the party, how will you join in the rejoicing of heaven and the celebration that we're all invited into when we worship?