

Luke 15:1-10 | CG Notes

Review

1. Read Luke 15:1-10. How would you summarize the teaching of this passage? In your own words, what is Jesus saying with both of these stories?
2. Read Psalm 28:9. How has God in Christ answered David's prayer?

Apply

Pick a few of these to wrestle with:

3. Have you ever found yourself "grumbling" (v. 2) about the people coming to church (e.g., sketchy kids in the youth group, a person you don't approve of in the choir, a spiritual "lightweight" in your community group, etc.)? What was the concern behind the grumbling? In light of this passage, was your concern legitimate? Why or why not? What does that concern reveal about you?
4. Both stories reveal great love and concern for the lost (v. 4, 8). Do you sufficiently love the lost? Why or why not? How can you grow in your love for the lost?
5. Jesus seeks out the lost (cf. Luke 19:10). How should we do the same? Are there any differences or cautions we should consider between how Jesus can minister and how we should?

6. What would it look like for Immanuel, corporately, to seek out sinners?
7. Is there ever a time we should not seek out a lost person or stop seeking them out?
8. As this passage shows, Jesus' ministry to sinners stirred up controversy. What controversies will come if we (personally or as a church) seek out sinners? What blessings?
9. Jesus reminds us that "sinners" (v. 2) are also "lost" (i.e, misguided, v. 4, 8). How might this shift in perspective change the way we talk politics?
10. Jesus loved sinners, but he also called them to repentance (v. 7, 10, see also Mark 1:15, Matthew 4:17). What does it look like to call people (a child, a friend, a coworker) to repentance? What would you say to them?
11. Jesus says ministry can be a source of great joy (vv. 5-7, 9-10). Do you find the same joy in ministry? Why or why not?
12. Jesus says celebrating new believers is right and good (v. 6, 9). How can we as a church do a better job of celebrating what God is doing in people's lives?