

9/20/20

Recap of last week's message (9/13/20 – Joe Ricchuiti – Luke 15:1-32):

1. Jesus' desire to reach out to the hopeless, to sinners, brought Him into opposition with the religious leaders who had nothing but contempt for them. Jesus' mission was to reach out to the lost (Luke 5:27-32; 19:10).
2. Jesus told three parables to refute the attitude of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law and to show God's concern for the salvation of sinners; He told the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.
3. God is the shepherd who looks for lost sheep; the creator whose image is stamped upon human being; and the father who waits and looks for the return of his lost son. The religious leaders in their self-righteousness didn't see themselves as in need of salvation
4. "Jesus always saw the potential in people. The sheep could be brought back to the flock and bring joy to the shepherd; the coin could be found; and the son could return home and lovingly serve his father. There is hope for every sinner because Jesus welcomes everyone." (Warren Wiersbe)
5. Since God is vitally concerned with the salvation of sinners (Luke 15) we must seek out the lost in witness and evangelism.
6. Wrong assumptions about evangelism keep us from sharing our faith, such as:
 - It all depends on me. It doesn't. Evangelism is a supernatural work of God. Unbelievers are blinded by Satan to the truth of the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:1-6; John 16:8-11), therefore we must cooperate with God's working in the unbelievers life.
 - I must be able to answer every question a non-Christian may have. Not true. An unbeliever will appreciate your candor in admitting you don't have any answer to everything but that you will find the answer for them.
 - I must close the deal. Once again, not true. Our goal must be to move an unbelievers one step further along in the process.
7. A simple presentation of the gospel should include the following:
 - Our problem: sin (Romans 3:23), death (separation from God-Romans 6:23); judgment (all who reject Christ will be judged-Hebrews 9:27).
 - Good works are not the remedy (Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5)
 - God's remedy: He sent His Son to die for us (Romans 5:8)
 - Our response: We must receive Christ (believe in/put our trust in Him-John 1:12,13).

"Responsibility and Accountability"

Luke 19:11-27

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