



“TO MAKE MORE DISCIPLES”

Series: “WHY DOES THE CHURCH EXIST?”, Part 1 of 3

Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Luke 15:1-32

Big Idea: One of our greatest callings, joys, and privileges in life is to partner with God in seeing “lost” people come to faith in Christ.

Luke 15:4-7, “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Luke 15:8-10, “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:11b-13, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.”

I. LOST PEOPLE MATTER TO GOD.

Acts 4:12, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

“A lost person is someone who has not yet repented of their sins and, by faith, accepted the forgiveness Christ purchased for them at the cross.”

John 17:3, “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Matthew 9:36-38, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

II. HOW DO WE HELP LOST PEOPLE FIND GOD?

A. The Searching Method.

B. The Attractional Method.

III. HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN LOST PEOPLE FIND GOD?

Luke 15:28a, "The older brother became angry and refused to go in."