

Sermon Outline and Discussion Guide for Adult Bible Study

March 23, 2014

This Man Receives Sinners and Eats With Them

Luke 15:1-24 – Luke 15:2

Intro: These _____ parables are really _____ parable told by Jesus at _____ time to explain _____ theme: ‘The _____ of God for _____ sinners.’

The text: “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” Jesus uses the arrogant criticism of a religious _____ as a golden opportunity to highlight the _____ for the _____. And so Jesus tells His ‘Parable of Lost Possessions’: the lost _____, _____, and _____.

I. Sinners Lost in Different Ways are Still Lost.

- A. The Lost Sheep represents what kind of sinner?
- B. The Lost Coin represents what kind of sinner?
- C. The Lost Son represents what kind of sinner?

DQ. What typically is our reaction to different types of sinners?

DQ. Do we really have compassion for the lost, or would the words frustration and derision be a better description of how we feel?

II. Salvation Is The Work of the Triune God.

The _____ Persons of the Blessed _____ are involved cooperatively in the _____ of the lost.

- A. In picture No. 1 we see God the _____:
- B. In picture No. 2 we see God the _____:
- C. In picture No. 3 we see God the _____:

The _____ of Divine Love is also taught in this _____ parable.

The value of a sheep:	1 of 100 = _____%
The value of a coin:	1 of 10 = _____%
The value of a child:	1 of 2 = _____%

DQ. Why do we not have a greater concern (burden) for those who are lost?

DQ. Has reformed theology with its emphasis on the Sovereignty of God given us a fatalistic attitude about the lost? If so, is this the result that 'Reformed Theology' should have?

III. Spiritual Joy in Redemption and Restoration.

Christ didn't welcome _____ because He welcomes _____.

Christ welcomed _____ to make them saints. God has clothed us with Christ's _____.

These are the pictures of Salvation in this Parable:

The Sheep is _____! The Coin is _____! The Son is _____!

How _____ the sneer! How _____ the sound!

“This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

DQ. How can families and churches call sinners to repentance without repelling them?

DQ. What must we do about our own 'attitude' toward those who presently live in sin?