

Christian Fellowship Center Foundation Series

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Ps 11:3

Kingdom Living Series

UNIT: Personal Evangelism and the Great Commission

Part 1: Why Evangelize?

Understanding the Ministry of Christ to Reach the Lost

Why did Jesus come?

Lu 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to *seek* and to save that which was lost.

Notice the active nature of the verb *seek*.

What do you do when you have lost something?

Do you wait for it to come to you?

Three parables in Luke 15

The lost sheep

The lost coin

The lost son

Notice...

-Jesus shared these parables in response to the criticism that He was hanging out with sinners (see verse 2)

-The heart of God is revealed in these parables: Father will not rest until the lost sons are back home

-Why was Jesus hanging out with sinners?

The Ministry of Christ Given to the Church

Mt 28:18-20 is often referred to as “The Great Commission”:

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Notice...

-the *active* nature of this commission: “Go... Make...Baptizing... Teaching” (versus “Wait...”)

-Jesus is giving His followers the authority (power & anointing) to fulfill the commission He Himself was fulfilling

-the promise of His abiding presence

Living it Out: The Heart of God for Lost Sons & Daughters

Consider the words of the Apostle Paul as he wrote about his countrymen (the Jews) who were yet unsaved:

“I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh.”

--Rom 9.1-3

-In what way do we hear the heart of God in these words of Paul's?

Additional Scriptures:

John 3.14-21

Rick: Can you think of other verses that reveal the heart of God for the lost????

Memory Verse: John 3.16