

Sermon Text: Luke 15:11-24

Sermon Title: Seeking Sinners

Main Idea:

We are going to consider how the gospel should impact our approach to 'sinners.'

Discussion Questions:

- What do the stories in Luke 15 reveal about what God is doing through Jesus?
- What is Jesus doing by telling these stories?
- How does Jesus' approach to sinners differ from that of the religious leaders, and what does this reveal about their understanding of God's priorities?
- How does the concept of "purity" play a role in the religious leaders' attitude towards sinners, and how does Jesus challenge this notion?
- How does the text suggest that the religious leaders' framework for understanding salvation was wrong?
- What does the Parable of the Prodigal Son reveal about God's character, especially in His response to sinners?
- Explain the place of repentance in how we think about our relationship with sinners.
- What might be a wrong way to think about the prodigal's repentance in this story?
- How can we apply the message of grace in the parable to our interactions with others today? What do you think this passage has to say about how Christians should approach and interact with those considered "sinners"? What is difficult about that? What are some other truths we have to consider? What are some reasons people might struggle with seeking those who are lost?
- Why is it significant that the father runs to meet his son, and what does this tell us about God's approach to forgiveness?
- In what way should the Pharisees have been challenged by the story about the younger brother?
- Do you think it is possible we take the grace God's shown us for granted? What are some signs that is happening in our lives?

Sermon Notes: This is a place you can record your own notes and thoughts as you listen to the message today so that you can think about them later.