

**Sermon Text:** Luke 15:8-10

**Sermon Title:** Will You Join the Celebration?

**Main Idea:**

I want us to evaluate our attitude to what the gospel says about how God is saving sinners through Jesus. We will explore wrong responses, consider the right response, seek to understand why it's vital we respond like that and think together about how to work at responding that way.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What does it mean to have the right attitude toward the gospel? Is it possible to know the gospel intellectually but still have an incorrect emotional response?
- Why do you think the Pharisees were offended by Jesus' approach to sinners?
- How does our cultural context influence our perception of "tax collectors and sinners" in Jesus' time? How might this affect our understanding of the parable?
- What wrong response to the gospel was particularly tempting for believers living in the time period when Luke was writing? What are some reasons why believers might feel uncertain about God's acceptance, even after understanding the gospel?
- What can cause believers today to become apathetic toward the gospel?
- Why is the single most wonderful glorious joy producing thing that can happen in this world right now a sinful human being genuinely repenting?
- How does the parable of the lost coin illustrate God's attitude toward the lost?
- How can understanding God's pursuit of sinners change our perspective on evangelism?
- How can we guard against becoming apathetic towards the gospel message? What practices might help maintain its impact on our lives? What steps can believers take to maintain a joyful and grateful attitude toward God's saving work?
- Why might people struggle to celebrate the grace offered in the gospel as much as they celebrate other life events? How can we cultivate a sense of amazement at the gospel, especially if we've been familiar with it for a long time?
- How might skepticism about God's ability to save "real sinners" manifest in our lives, and what can we do to combat this attitude?

**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.