

Westwood Life Groups - A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

***11:45** - David Britton

***1:00**-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings **6:00** - *Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck, Rudie Thomsen, *Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, *Kelly Hillis

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

Beliefs that Matter, #4 God's Great Character

- Let me start with some good news: in spite of the fact that we sometimes do very foolish things, God really does love us.
- That's what **Luke 15** is all about (**Luke 19:10**).

I. God Will Let You Make Your Own _____

- **Luke 15:11-32.**
- I think what Jesus was trying to communicate in this story was this: because God loves you, He will let you go your own way. You see, God respects your free will. He will not force Himself or His will on you. He will let you go your own way, even if it is the wrong way.

II. God Shows His _____ of You

- **Luke 15:1-32.**
- When something is lost, its value is always intensified, isn't it?
- In **Luke 15** we are introduced to a God who is a Father. As a Father He loves everyone. But the stories of the lost sheep and the lost coin and the lost son make it clear that when you are away from Him, when you are lost, He loves you even more.

III. God Will _____ for You

- **Luke 15:4, 8, 20.**
- If you are away from God, rest assured that He not only loves you, **He is looking for you** (**Luke 19:10**).

IV. God Will _____ You Home

- **Luke 15:18-19.**
- I think a lot of people stay away from God because they fear that He would reject them. But Jesus said, "*the one who comes to Me I will never cast out*" (**John 6:37**).

V. God _____ Your Restoration

- **Luke 15:7, 10, 23-24.**
- You know what God will do if you decide to come home to Him? He will throw a party to celebrate.

Conclusion

- Does God love you? Yes. And that is plainly seen at the center cross (Romans 5:8).

Sunday Morning
August 20, 2017
Westwood Church of Christ

Life Group Questions
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1. Of all of God's attributes, which do you appreciate the most and why?
2. How hard is it to convince yourself that, in spite of your imperfections, God loves you? How about the difficulty of explaining God's love to others who do not know Him nor His word?
3. In your **OPINION**, why does the shepherd go and search for the lost sheep, the woman sweeps for the lost coin, but the father remains at home after his son left?
4. Luke 19:10 tells us that "*Jesus came to SEEK and save the lost.*" In what way(s) does God continue to "seek" those who are lost?
5. What is it, in your **OPINION**, that keeps people away from coming to God initially or back to God after being away for a season?
6. Read Luke 15:7, 10, 23-24. What is the common denominator in these three episodes?? Discuss your answers and make application.
7. Where would you go in all of the Bible to show a person that God is not only a God of love, but that He specifically loves them?