

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

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

5:30pm, Mondays-Terry Boyd

6:00pm, Saturdays- David Womack

\*11:45, Sundays – David Britton

\*11:45, Sundays – Joseph Stotts

\* 1:00, Sundays – Bob Deason

7:00, Wednesdays – Teens

1:00, Sundays-Glenn Mitchell

1:30, Sundays- Tim Deason

5:00, Sundays – Kirk Mullican

5:00, Sunday- Neil Helton

6:00, Sundays-Terry Connor

\*6:00, Sundays – Jeff McKinley

6:00, Sundays – Josh Chandler

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

### *Living What We Say We Believe, #8* *A Rejoicing Heart*

#### Introduction:

- In one of the greatest chapters of the Bible, **Luke 15**, Jesus tells three stories.
  - Each story speaks of something lost and of something found.
  - A lost sheep. A lost coin. A lost son. And at the end of each one, Jesus describes a party, a celebration.
  - **Luke 15:5-6; Luke 15:9; Luke 15:32**
- *“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart and life” (Luke 15:10).*

#### God's Great Work of \_\_\_\_\_

- Although we may think of many things in God's creation as masterpieces, God's greatest work of art will always be \_\_\_\_\_!
- **1 John 3:2; Phil 1:6**
- You and I will be like Jesus!
- No wonder the angels rejoice over one sinner who repents; they know what awaits us in heaven!

#### What We Are \_\_\_\_\_ From

- What would you say is the worst part of hell?
- Can you imagine for a moment what life would be like without the touch of Jesus?
- According to Jesus, hell only knows one sound, the *“weeping and gnashing of teeth”* (**Matt. 22:13**).

#### Close...

- May God help us to have an eternal view of the world!
  - God's view of humanity is amazingly simple (**Matt. 7:13-14; Matt. 7:24-27; Matt. 25:2; Matt. 24:45-51; Matt. 25:14-27; Mark 16:15-16**).
  - The things we think are important, He deems irrelevant (**2 Cor. 5:16**).
- Remember this: Every person you meet has been invited to the party...and God doesn't want any of them to miss it!

Westwood Church of Christ  
Sunday Morning  
March 4, 2018

***Life Group Questions***  
***For the Week of March 4, 2018***

1. Have you ever been part of a surprise party for someone? What made it so exciting?
2. Briefly describe the three parables in **Luke 15**. What do these teach us about those who are lost and what is true about the conclusion of each of those stories?
3. We have no record of celebrations in heaven over anything else, but when a sinner repents and comes home, there is celebration...why?
4. Read Philippians 1:6. Paul seems to be saying that as long as we are here we are a “work in progress.” However, John helps us understand when the work will be complete, read and discuss 1 John 3:2.
5. Keeping in mind what we have studied so far today, is it a little bit easier for you to understand why Jesus said, *‘There is joy in the presence of the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart and life’*? Why? or Why not?
6. For you personally, what is the best part of heaven? How about the worst part of hell?
7. We noticed this morning that God’s view of humanity is amazingly simple (Matthew 7:13-14 and others), why is ours so complex? (2 Corinthians 5:16 Phillips).
8. Based on our study today, what does it mean to have an “eternal view of the world” and why should we desire such?