

## Series: The Sent Ones

Part Two: Why Would God Send Us?

Sunday October 15, 2017

### SERMON NOTES

#### 1. Common threads: Luke 15

- a. Something of great value went missing: a sheep, a coin, and a son.
- b. The sheep, the coin, and the son were so valuable that being lost warranted an all-out search to find them.
- c. When they were found – all-out parties ensued!

2. *“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”* (Lk. 15:10)

3. *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son* (Jn. 3:16-18).

#### 4. Condemned to what?

Ps. 49:12, 15; Job 24:21-24; Dan. 12:2; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Mt. 23:33; Mt. 10:28; Mt. 18:8; Lk. 16:32; Mt. 8:12; 25:30; Mt. 25:46.

5. The good news of the gospel is this: that we are new creations, that we are reconciled to God, and that God does not count our sins against us (2 Cor. 5:18-21).

6. Q. How do we share the good news of the gospel as Christ’s ambassadors?

A. I think it begins with character.

#### 7. BE REAL.

- a. Know who you are and know who you aren’t.
- b. Be honest about feelings and failures.

#### 8. BE GENEROUS.

- a. Time
- b. Money.

#### 9. CHALLENGE: THE BLESSING BILLFOLD

## Study Notes for Personal and Group Reflection

### DISCUSSION

1. What was your favorite MISSION IMPOSSIBLE movie?

2. Have you ever been given something to do that seemed impossible to do? What did you do?

### BIBLE

3. Read: Ps. 49:12, 15; Job 24:21-24; Dan. 12:2; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Mt. 23:33; Mt. 10:28; Mt. 18:8; Lk. 16:32; Mt. 8:12; 25:30; Mt. 25:46.

a. What emotions did you feel when or after you read these texts?

b. How is the truth effected by feelings?

c. What action will you take based on your feelings about these texts?

4. Read: Ro. 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10. What is God’s plan to save people from sin and spiritual death (separation from God who is love)?

5. Read: 2 Cor. 5:18-21; 2 Pt. 3:9. How would you describe God’s disposition towards humanity?

### APPLICATION

6. BE REAL. What feeling or failure have you been denying or hiding? Why? What effect do you think it’s had on you and on others?

7. BE GENEROUS: How do you spend your “free” time and money? How might you invest some time or money this week in the kingdom of God?