

Community Group Homework Questions

JOY IN HEAVEN

Luke 15:1-10

Series #89

1. How does the fact that God seeks and saves the lost and rejoices when one lost sinner repents shape your view of God?
2. How do the two parables in Luke 15:1-10 counter against having a cold and mechanical view of salvation?
3. If a person loves unbelievers the way God does, what will their relationships with unbelievers look like?
4. How do you want to grow to become more like God in your love for unbelievers?
5. Spend time as a group praying that God would give us a heart more like His for unbelievers.

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Joy In Heaven.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What chapter in the Bible is a pinnacle of disclosure concerning the character and heart of God?
2. What statement do we find two times in the Bible?
3. Besides the statement, “God is love,” we find that God is what three other things?
4. Which occurs more in Scripture: “God is love” or “God is holy”?
5. The three parables in Luke 15 emphasize what?
6. What verse in chapter 15 is probably the summit/high point of the chapter?
7. Verse 10 is like saying that it is who that has joy when a sinner repents?
8. In all three parables, the man, woman, and the father, did the what?
9. How did Jesus describe Himself in Luke 19?
10. If you have a cold and mechanical view of salvation, then you aren’t what?

11. Jesus told these stories to counter what?
12. Why were tax-collectors despised in Jewish society?
13. What word was used for people in society who were especially immoral and ungodly?
14. Why were the tax collectors and sinners drawn to Jesus?
15. The Pharisees and scribes were angry with Jesus because he did what in relation to the tax collectors and sinners?
16. If you wanted to show acceptance and fellowship with someone in the 1st century, you would do what?
17. Jesus pressed the point that the hearts of the Pharisees and scribes were way different than what?
18. Why would people have understood the first story immediately?
19. What did David risk to care for all sheep under his care?
20. Even if you have 100 sheep, you care about what?
21. God is the seeker. He pursues what?
22. What word (or form of the word) is used 5 times in six verses?
23. Do you struggle to believe that God rejoices when a lost sinner is found?
24. Why is the last part of verse 7 clearly a statement of satire?
25. What does Luke 5:31 mean?
26. What has always been the two great barriers to salvation?
27. Is Jesus saying in Luke 5:32 that there are those who don't need to repent?
28. The drachma was a Greek coin, often worn in a ten-piece garland, by whom?
29. God's heart for the lost sinner shows there is no what in His seeking and saving the lost?
30. We catch a glimpse of what when we hear the words of Jesus in Luke 13:34?
31. How many records do we have of Jesus crying?
32. It wasn't enough for the woman in the parable to rejoice by herself, so she did what?
33. How do we normally think of the meaning of verse 10?
34. It is likely that verse 10 is saying what?
35. The heart of God is to seek and save the lost. Is that your heart?