

LifeGroup Meeting

Jesus Is My Hero 3

“Jesus is Illogical!”

Get To Know You Question:

What do you have at your house that everyone wants to get rid of, but for some reason you cannot because you placed a high value on it?

Let's Dig Deeper

Luke 15:8-10:

Jesus is my hero because his love for me is illogical!

1. Someone read **Luke 15:1-2**. The problem with the Pharisees and scribes is that they would not get near or associate with anyone who they deemed were below their standard of living. How have we done that, whether intentionally or not in our own lives?
2. This parable teaches us that Jesus sees things as valuable whereas we can easily see them as dismissible. Can you give me an example on this?
3. In the sermon, three observations were made about the parable of the lost coin.
 - **Observation Number 1: The value of the coin is illogical because Jesus placed the value of the coin to be immeasurable.**
 - i. There was no measure by which Jesus would go through to find this coin, even though the actual value of the coin was just a day's wage. Which means the coin, which represents us, has infinite value in the eyes of God. What are the ramifications of understanding the weight of that?
 - ii. Since coins don't do anything on their own, Jesus is making it clear that the people he hangs out with are valuable to him, not because of what they do, but because Jesus made them. How often do we think God loves us because of what we do? Why do we often think that way?
 - **Observation Number 2: The coin is not easily found, but the search is relentless.** (Luke 15:8)
 - iii. In **Luke 15:8** the woman “diligently” seeks the coin. This word in Greek means to have an urgent sense of care. Or a reckless sense of care. The point Jesus is making is that he will never give up on us.

How often, when we are prone to wander, do we think Jesus has given up on us? Why do you think that is?

iv. What approach does this parable show us that Jesus will go through when it comes to his children? Do you believe that is his approach for your life?

v. How is Jesus approach so much different than ours?

vi. Do you believe that this is Jesus' approach to people who will never accept Jesus as Lord and Savior?

1. Why would Jesus diligently be sweeping and searching in people's houses who will never give their lives to him? What's the point?

- **Observation Number 3: The coin is lost (we cannot ignore that) but the image isn't gone.**

vii. Jesus is telling us that even though the coin is lost, the imagine on that coin is still there. What is the significance of this?

viii. If coins don't lose their value, even if they are lost or displaced, then Jesus is saying that we, even though we may be lost, also have not lost our value. Can we still retain our value if we are sinning? Can we still retain our value even if we have wandered off from our relationship with God?

ix. Someone read **John 8:1-11**. How does this story relate to the imagery of the coin not losing value?

x. Why do we often ascribe value to something we do?

xi. Why do so many in our culture devalue people simply because they don't do the things we believe are good or great or upstanding?

1. How often have we thought that since some people are not like us, then their value has been diminished? Be honest.

4. How has Jesus been your hero this week?

5. Pray that Jesus would give us a heart that sees the world as Jesus does, and that we will refuse to limit our love only to notable or "perfect" people.