

Growth Teams

Week Beginning

Sunday 12th June 2016

Growth Team News

We now have a long list of Growth Teams below. This may be an opportunity for you to join one that suits you! If you don't join now, then the opportunity may pass – so see Paul today!

Going deeper

The themes addressed by the parables in chapter 15 address an ongoing tension between Jesus's ministry and the attitude of the religious authorities. Luke 5:27-32 is the first section in Luke where this tension becomes apparent.

Read Luke 5:27-32

5. What does Levi's response to Jesus illustrate about 'repentance'?

6. What is Levi's attitude to his old colleagues now he has given up as a tax-collector to follow Jesus?

7. What good attitudes were behind the concerns of the Pharisees in verse 30? What bad attitudes?

8. How does Jesus respond to their concern? How does he view people like Levi?

9. How is Jesus's attitude differ from:
 - a. A harsh focus on the evils of sin?

 - b. A strong focus on simply loving and accepting all?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Luke 15:1-10 (page 1048-1049)

Lost and found: God's Celebration

Space to take notes on the talk

Who are _____?

Lost = _____

Lost = _____

Starter question

- ❖ Have you ever lost something valuable and found it again? What happened? How did you feel?

Responding to the talk

1. What one principle or insight from the talk stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. Read Luke 15:1-2
 - a. What were the 'sinners' doing right? (cf. 14:34)
 - b. Why were the Pharisees muttering?
 - c. How did the Pharisees view the 'sinners'?
3. Read Luke 15:3-10
 - a. What in the stories shows that God values 'the lost'?
 - b. How do you think the 'sinners' would feel about this?
 - c. How does this challenge the attitude of the Pharisees?
4. Read Luke 15:7,10
 - a. What does Jesus say 'being found' refers to?
 - b. How does it make you feel that God threw a party in heaven when you became a Christian?
 - c. What is Jesus encouraging the Pharisees to do instead of 'muttering'?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. If the 'lost one' is more important than the 'ninety-nine righteous' what does that say about where our church life should be focussed? What might we need to change?
10. You hear some church regulars muttering about some new people in church. How might you challenge what they are saying?