

The Gospel according to Luke – Part 8

The Mission of Jesus

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on the Gospel according to Luke. Our topic today: The Mission of Jesus.

Scripture Theme Song: “This is a faithful saying” (1 Timothy 1:15,17; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

- 1) Seeking and saving the lost
 - a) Luke 19:10 – the mission statement of Jesus
 - b) Luke 15:4-7 – seeking the lost sheep
 - c) Luke 15:8-10 – seeking the lost coin
 - d) Luke 15:11-24 – seeking the lost sons
 - e) This is one parable (v.3) with three parts. What is the common theme?
- 2) Seeking the lost sheep
 - a) Luke 15:4-7
 - b) How do sheep get lost?
 - c) Does a sheep know when it is lost?
 - d) What can we learn about the character of God from the way the shepherd brings the lost sheep home?
 - e) Why does the return of one lost sheep bring more joy to God than “ninety-nine persons who need no repentance”? v.7
- 3) Seeking the lost coin
 - a) Luke 15:8-10 Ten drachmas – ten days’ wages
 - b) Does the coin know that it is lost?
 - c) Why does the woman search carefully until she finds her lost coin?
 - d) Is it possible for a sinner to be lost and not even know it?
- 4) Seeking the lost sons
 - a) Lost away from home – Luke 15:10-24
 - i) How is this young man’s lost condition different from the lost sheep and the lost coin? v. 11-13
 - ii) What important lessons can we learn about the character of our heavenly Father from this story?
 - b) Lost at home – Luke 15:25-32
 - i) What evidence is there that this older brother is also lost?
 - ii) Why does the older brother resent the return of his younger brother?
 - iii) How does the father relate to his older son?
- 5) The expanded mission statement of Jesus
 - a) Luke 4:16-19
 - i) Preach the Gospel to the poor
 - ii) Heal the brokenhearted
 - iii) Proclaim liberty to the captives
 - iv) Proclaim recovery of sight to the blind
 - v) Set at liberty those who are oppressed
 - vi) Proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.
 - b) Examples
 - i) Luke 18:35-43 – healing of blind Bartimaeus
 - ii) Luke 19:1-10 – set the captive Zacchaeus free
 - c) Share your testimony of how Jesus came searching for you and found you. How would you describe your lost condition when Jesus found you?