

Our Why
Luke 15:1-32

Central Truth: One cannot grow close to God without joining Christ on his mission!

Getting started

1. What's the most valuable thing you have ever lost? Share what happened, i.e., what did you feel at the time? Did you eventually find the item/person you lost?

1b. What's the most extravagant celebration you've ever been a part of?

Digging Deeper

2. Read Luke 15:1-3. Why did Jesus share these three parables? If you could ask Jesus why he felt compelled to share these three parables, what do you think he would say?

3. Point #1 of last week's message was; "To the exclusion of the found, God's focus is on the lost." Do you agree with this point? Why or why not?

4. What does our parables reveal about God the father?

5. What does v.29 reveal about the older son's attitude and heart towards his father?

6. What does this passage reveal about you? Who do you relate most with in this story? What ways do you see yourself in them? What experiences have brought you to that place? -

7. What do you think should be the primary focus of the church? Why or why not?

8. As you hold Jesus' teaching up to your own life, what are some of the biggest challenges you've faced in living it out?

8b. What one insight from the message or today's discussion seems most personally significant to you right now, and what action can you take in the next week to start putting this into practice?

PRAYERTIME: Pray that YNCC will be the most compelling and relevant place to encounter Jesus as our people answer God's tapping on their shoulders and gain clarity about their specific call to ministry in the local church.