

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 8 JULY 2018

SPEAKER: Pastor Greg Illingworth

GOD LOVES LOST THINGS. Part 1 – Luke 15



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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GETTING STARTED

Question #1

Talk about a time when you had lost something and then found it...how did it feel?

Question #2

Tonight, spend some time thinking about “my story”. This is your salvation story. As you begin thinking about how to tell your story, imagine you are going to share it with someone who is not a Christian. This will affect the language we use and means we have to avoid using our “church terms”. Try and keep your story to less than 2 minutes. Practice telling your story to 1 or 2 others in the group. Feed back to one another what you heard. Do you think your story is a useful tool for encouraging someone to find a faith in God?

When putting your story together try and describe the key events that led you to a personal faith. If you are still on your journey to finding faith, talk about where you are up to so far.

If you are really bold why not plan to share your story with someone this week? Who will it be? Share this with the group and have them pray for you.

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Luke 15.

Question #3

There are 3 parables here told by Jesus. What are the similarities in these parables? Where do they differ?

Question #4

In the lost sheep account how are we being called upon to respond?

Question #5

In the lost coin account, what does it tell you about how God sees us?

Question #6

Is finding lost people our job or God's?

DIGGING DEEPER

Question #8

Pastor Greg talked primarily about the lost coin last Sunday (July 8). He talked about how he feels that the precious coin that we may have lost is “intimacy”.

How can we be intimate with God?

Question #9

It is pointless our going out to tell our stories and try to see people come to Christ if we don't have this intimate relationship with God. A relationship that is our first and greatest love will be something people will crave for if they see it in us first. What steps can you make to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus?

Prayer

Pray for one another that our hearts will be soft towards God. Pray also for a desire to share our stories with someone.