

Reconciliation Anniversary

Pastor's message: 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
Message Notes:

Wednesday

Read: Luke 15:1-2 *Jesus crosses the line*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why is it so important to us that we point out the faults of others?*
2. *Jesus is hanging out with a "bad crowd." Why shouldn't the Pharisees and scribes correct him?*

Prayer Focus Jesus, we need a savior who wants to sit and eat and and talk with us, not just keep score of our mistakes. Thank you for being the savior at the table. Thank you for being the one who offers life to all.

Thursday

Read: Luke 15:3-7 *When a sinner repents*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Have you ever been so lost that you had to have someone else find you? What was that like?*
2. *Do you feel you are more the lost coin or the seeker in your life today?*

Prayer Focus Let us help start the feast, Jesus. Help us to ask again for your patience, your forgiveness. Let us be the ones who turn around and come back home to you. (And remind us to bring a plus-one.)

Friday

Read: Luke 15:8-10 *Heaven celebrates repentance*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How might our worship change if, every day, we celebrated the lost who are found?*
2. *What could we as a church do to seek out the lost in our community?*

Prayer Focus Thank you for throwing a big party just to celebrate finding a dime under the fridge, God. You cherish us like treasures rather than dimes and you dance with angels when we turn to you once more. Let us be seekers, finders, and partiers with you, God of All.

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Do you ever stop to pick up a penny on the sidewalk or in the gutter? A quarter? Why or why not?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **1Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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September 11, 2022

Monday

Read: 1Timothy 1:12-15 *Paul's testimony*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why does Paul claim he was the foremost sinner?*
2. *Take a moment to reflect and thank God for the gift of overflowing faith and love.*

Prayer Focus As we remember the tragedy of 9/11 and rejoice in our growth into a reconciling congregation, we know that you want to share in both our sorrows and our successes. We humbly offer our gratitude, God, for having judged us worthy of serving in your name.

Tuesday

Read: 1Timothy 1:16-17 *Paul rejoices in God's grace*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is your favorite hymn or song of praise to God? Spend some time listening or singing it as a prayer today.*
2. *How has God been patient with you this week? How can you share that, to show the life you find in Christ?*

Prayer Focus You took a mess like Paul and used him to accomplish great things in your name. Prepare us for use, despite all our faults, Redeemer. Let us walk around with our redemption stories on our lips, ready to share.