

**Luke 15:1-7 Jesus Welcomes Sinners - Let's Do Likewise**

Our goal is to grow more into a culture of gospel evangelism. The fields are ripe for harvest. What am I doing to love them with the gospel?

**We saw past 2 Sundays: Gods' Priority – Acts 4:7-20** Peter & John

**Mark 12:29-31** Jesus' response to the Jewish religionist

This can only be done through our new heart—see others as He does  
God calls us to overturn our natural life's priority of self- actualization  
God's goal for our transformation: we watch, gaze, fix our heart on Him,  
become so overwhelmed by the True, that anything less is unimportant

**I. Who is our neighbor? Jesus explains in a parable Luke 10:29, 36-7**

Three came upon the beaten person, but only one did truly "see"

**II. Christ's Love searches for sinners, He's not put off. Luke 15:1-7**

He cares for & is not afraid of the ostracized, self-destructive ones

**A.** He recognized His audience, 2 types in the parable

**B.** He is not put-off by people's self-interest agendas

**C.** He brings the perspective of a different kingdom v.3 "So He told a parable" it was a way to show them their agenda is self, not God's

**D.** Jesus takes the initiative. Agenda is the Father's redemptive agenda

**E.** Seeking and accepting sinners is delights God, vs. 7

So God calls us to recalibrate our agenda: watching for, calling in sheep

**Application:**

**1. To love your neighbor - Engage your neighbor.**

**2. To love your neighbor - Listen to your neighbor's story**

What has gone wrong? What is his plan to fix it?

Fall & Redemption Personal testimony of your fall and redemption

**3. To Love your neighbor - Be prepared to share God's story**

Creation Fall Redemption Transformation

**Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."**

**<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.**