

Still Lost
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Opening

-tks: House, Ryan, Vanessa, Jonathan...

-Well hello A-L / M-Z!

-Historic...first night back, first night together.

Introduction

-Luke 15:4-7

-Luke 15:8-10

-Luke 15:11-31 (reference only)

-John 7:50-52

-When someone is being defined in a way God never intended, they will always be misunderstood.

- Others toward us
- Us toward others
- **Us to ourselves**

-I want God's story to be my history!

-(explain...)

-God's story for each of us ALWAYS includes:

- Finding our flock
- Adding our value
- Embracing our role

-You and I are doomed to a misunderstood identity until we are ready to be defined, in part, by these three pursuits!

-Still Lost...you might be found spiritually but Still Lost relationally!

Finding Our Flock

-Luke 15:4-7 (reference only)

*-If your history does not include **community**, you are out of step with God's story for your life...finding our flock.*

-Finding... (not just about evangelism...church!)

- needs of the one vs. the needs of the many
- Closing the SFK Campus...
- I want to be part of a church that is willing to...

- It takes a shepherd, leaders, to discern which...

- The shepherd didn't create a 100 flocks of one...
- Being in step with the rest...

Adding Our Value

-Luke 15:8-10 (reference only)

*-If your history does not include **contribution**, you are out of step with God's story for your life...adding our value.*

-Adding... (not just about evangelism...church!)

- You are valuable simply because of who you are! (SHAPE & E#)
- Times when I have "stood up" within and declared...
- Your flock or "pocket" does not determine you value!

- BUT...the coin was returned to the rest!
- Value of the coin is constant...
- Value of the whole changes when you are added!

- (order of parables...)
- once you find our flock...add your value!

-Community does not determine your value BUT you determine the value of the community by your contribution!

Embracing our Role

(community...contribution...and...)

-Luke 15:11-31 (reference only)

*-If your history does not include **cooperation**, you are out of step with God's story for your life...embracing our role.*

-Embracing...

- how inheritance worked n Jesus' day...
- the son was lost long before he left...
- if God's authority is your only authority, you too are lost

- (order of parables...)
- relationship and value ALWAYS precedes trust in authority!

- 1 Corinthians 12 is the theology behind Luke 15
 - be a part of a body...community (practical not just poetic)
 - every part has unique value...contribution
 - there is no order without directive leaders...cooperation

- verse 28 and 29 understood through Ephesians 4... (a, p, and t)

-“Embracing our role” culture is not...

- do what we say...
- know your place...

-“Embracing our role” culture is...

- we believe in the Biblical principle of directive leaders
- we establish trust thru pursuing relationship and affirming value
- we are for one another even when we can't be with one another...

Close

-John 7:31-36 (if there is time)