

# appnotes



## DAY 1

### READ LUKE 15

Jesus was a master storyteller. In Luke 15 He uses three illustrations that give us a glimpse into the heart of God. Each story revolves around someone rejoicing over an object or relationship that was lost but has been recovered. As Jesus told these stories, He wanted us to understand what truly matters to God: the lost being found. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Christ tells us that there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than a multitude of righteous people who don't need to repent. Do you share Jesus' heart for the lost? Found people find people.

## DAY 2

### READ LUKE 5:27-32

It's easy to look down on others and judge them because of their lifestyle or their past. That's exactly what the Pharisees were doing. They couldn't understand why Jesus, a great religious teacher who was performing miracles, would hang out with scum like Matthew. But one of the coolest things about Jesus was that people, who were nothing like Him, liked Him. Matthew's life was changed because Jesus pursued Him and met Matthew right where he was. Are you meeting people right where they are or are you keeping them at arms length because they don't live like you?

## DAY 3

### READ ACTS 15:1-21

Luke records the words of Jesus' brother James who encapsulates what should be the motto of every single church in the world: it's not about us. Most churches operate for the already convinced and already committed. James says, "we should not make it difficult for people who are seeking a relationship with God." We shouldn't make those outside of the church adapt to our sub-culture in order to belong. The message of the Gospel is for everyone so let's not create a church culture that get's in the way of that message.

## DAY 4

### READ MATTHEW 16:13-20

The Church matters. As Jesus talks with His disciples He makes a bold claim: "I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not overcome it." Two thousand years later Jesus is still building His movement. One life at a time, Jesus is winning over and transforming hearts as He continues to rescue those who are lost from their sin. Parker Hill exists to help people find the way back to God. Will you join us as we partner with Jesus in this mission?

## DAY 5

### READ JONAH 4:5-10

Jonah was a guy with some really twisted priorities. He was more concerned about his own comfort than the eternal destiny of over one hundred thousand people. But before we get too down on Jonah, let's check our own hearts. Do you care more about your preferences than those who don't yet know Christ? Are you resistant to change just because you like it and it makes you comfortable? As the book of Jonah comes to an end, we don't get resolution. We don't know if his priorities ever shifted. However, it's not too late for you to stop worrying about your own comfort and start caring for what God cares for!

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