

More than SUNDAY

BECOMING A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH

Open Seats, Deep Roots

Luke 15:1-32, Matthew 7:24-25

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Thesis

Matthew 7:24

If you want to have a high view of the Church, you must see people the way God sees them and live a life that practices what Scripture teaches.

GOD VIEWS REBELLIOUS PEOPLE AS...

Luke 15:20

one

Lost

two

Separated

three

Away from home

four

Someone He wants restored

SOMETHING IS LOST: *The progression*

Lost Sheep

Luke 15:4-7

Something valuable wanders away.

Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

Something valuable is missing.

Lost Son

Luke 15:11-24

Someone deeply loved chooses to leave.

GOD'S AGENDA IS **NOT** PAYBACK

God's agenda is to...

01

Bring back

Ezekiel 34:16

02

Win back

Matthew 18:15

03

Get them home

Luke 15:20-24

04

Restore

Galatians 6:1

TWO PRINCIPLES

one

See people, not just behavior.

Matthew 9:36

two

What does love require of me toward this person?

John 13:34-35

Test of Spiritual Maturity

CAN YOU CELEBRATE WHAT THE FATHER CELEBRATES?

How do we know we're in sync with the Father?

When we begin to feel toward lost people what the Father feels toward lost people.

Luke 15:32



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Following Jesus makes my life better
and makes me better at life.

John 10:10

Mission: Inspire people to follow Jesus.
Matthew 28:19-20

The church
should be
outward-facing,

but

Luke 15:1-2

the gravitational
pull of the
church is
toward insiders.

THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE CHURCH IS...

- ✓ Outward facing
Luke 14:23
- ✓ Making disciples
Matthew 28:19-20
- ✓ Living in such a way that
people are drawn to Jesus
John 13:35
- ✓ Living in community.
Acts 2:42-47

UNAPPLIED TRUTH James 1:22-25

is like unapplied paint.

01 Applying the teachings of Jesus is
where the transformation happens.

02 Deepest thing on earth is love.

1 John 4:8

God is love.

A sacrificial love is as deep as you
will ever ever go. 1 Corinthians 13:13, 1 John 4:16

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DEEP TEACHING ISN'T THE ISSUE, APPLICATION IS.

James 1:22

01

The Bible does NOT speak
about deep teaching.

02

The Bible DOES speak about
not applying what we hear.

DEEP CHRISTIANS

Someone who has entered "the deep
water of sacrificial application", where
they cannot succeed without God's help.

WHAT DO DEEP CHRISTIANS DO?

Matthew 7:24-25

01

A wise person is one who hears his
words and puts them into practice.

02

Jesus consistently emphasized
doing, and not simply knowing.

03

The Holy Spirit prompts people toward
something uncomfortable or sacrificial.

04

Faith stretching is an invitation
into deeper water.

CHURCH MUST BE BOTH...

Colossians 2:6-7

Deeply
rooted

01

02

Open
seats

Luke 15:1-2