

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MAY 10, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Robby Baxter, Assimilation Director

***Call to Worship - Psalm 16**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *Be Thou My Vision

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 16:16-24**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

Song of Comfort - *Come As You Are

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Giving - Josh Cuthbertson

~Our cheerful response to God's generous provision in all things

Song of Reflection - *Rejoice*

~Our call for the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts and minds for the Word

Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy Luke 15:1-7

Song of Response - *Come to the Feast

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Galatians 6:14-18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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"THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: JOY"

LUKE 15:1-7

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: We are to love God by expressing ongoing joy in our salvation and love our neighbor by rejoicing at their redemption in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: Which would you prefer to invite someone to: a funeral or a celebratory party?

Joy: Because God desires and takes pleasure in our salvation in the redemption of Christ and outworking of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we desire and take pleasure in our salvation and the outworking of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our neighbors as evidence of salvation.

Luke 15:1-2: Those with Ears to Hear: A Gathering of Sinners:

"Here is God's heart for sinners as he works through Jesus. So also seeking the lost should be at the heart of the disciple's activity. Those who claim to serve God should be aware that this is part of their mandate. The total separation of the Pharisees and their grumbling about associating with sinners stands in stark contrast to Jesus' approach."

Darrell L. Bock, *Luke, Volume 2: 9:51-24:53*

Q: Who's welcome at your table and into your life? Who's not? Why?

Luke 15:3-7: The Parable of the Lost, Found, and the Party Thrown on Earth and in Heaven:

"Jesus wants us to share the joy that he has in finding the lost. We share our shepherd's joy when we admit that we have gone astray and need him to come and find us. We share his joy when we accept being found and ask him to carry us back home, and even more when we celebrate our salvation. Then, once we are saved, we share the shepherd's joy by having his heart for lost sheep.... We share his joy by joining his quest to seek and to save people who are lost spiritually."

Philip Graham Ryken, *Luke, Volume 2: Chapters 13-24*

Q: Do you take ongoing joy in your salvation? Who would you like to throw a party for when they come to Christ? How are you preparing for this celebration?

Application:

Luke 15:1-7 teaches us that:

- Jesus welcomed and offered Himself to sinners in need of a Savior with joy
- we are to take joy both in our being found and in the fruit of our seeking the lost who are found in Christ

Joy: We love God for and rejoice over our salvation and love our neighbors by desiring that they join us in the great family of God and rejoice when they respond to the Holy Spirit's call.

Benediction: Galatians 6:14-18