

# GOD'S GRACIOUS PURSUIT

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**Sermon Theme: Jesus is the one true Savior who joyfully and persistently seeks and saves the lost. Therefore, we must own our desperate need for His grace; and whether we're rebellious or self-righteous, we must repent and rejoice in the Father's great love that is lavished on sinners as He welcomes them home.**

## **I. Context of God's Pursuit – Read Luke 15:1-2**

- A. Read Luke 15:1-2. What contrast do you notice between the posture of the sinners and the posture of the religious leaders?
- B. Why would the Pharisees and scribes be offended that Jesus dined with sinners?
- C. How should Christ's heart toward sinners shape our orientation toward others? What would it look like for our church to excel still more in making it easy for sinners to draw near to Jesus?

## **II. Tenacity of God's Pursuit – Read Luke 15:3-10**

- A. Read Luke 15:3-10. What similarities and differences do you notice between these parables?
- B. What was Jesus' point in telling both parables?
- C. What do these parables teach us about God's heart towards sinners?
- D. How would you evaluate your joy when a person repents?

## **III. Compassion of God's Pursuit – Read Luke 15:11-32**

- A. What does the father's response to the younger son teach us about grace?
- B. How is the older brother just as lost as the younger, though in a different way? What is Jesus teaching the Pharisees and scribes through the two brothers' responses?
- C. As you evaluate your heart, would you say that it most resembles the father, the prodigal son, or the older brother?
- D. How should the gospel influence how we engage with those who appear messy and worldly?