



Reach the Lost

Luke 15:11-20a

A. The Rebellious Son (The Lost)

1. Give me what I deserve!

“Jesus continued: ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.” Luke 15:11-12 (NIV)

2. Give me my freedom!

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country...” Luke 15:13a (NIV)

3. Give me a wasted life!

*“...and there squandered his wealth in wild living.”
Luke 15:13b (NIV)*

B. The Repentant Son

1. The Circumstance of Change

“After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.” Luke 15:14-16 (NIV)

2. The “Nothing Else Will Do” of Change

*“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’”
Luke 15:17-19 (NIV)*

3. The Action of Change

“So he got up and went to his father.” Luke 15:20a (NIV)

C. What are you willing to do?

1. Jesus ate and communed with sinners not to be inclusive to their sin but be inclusive to the sinner.

“While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Him and His disciples, for there were many who followed Him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw Him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked His disciples, ‘Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’” Mark 2:15-17 (NIV)

2. God offers himself, even in the pits of sin.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”
John 3:16-17 (NIV)*

3. Are you willing to REACH with your treasure?

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

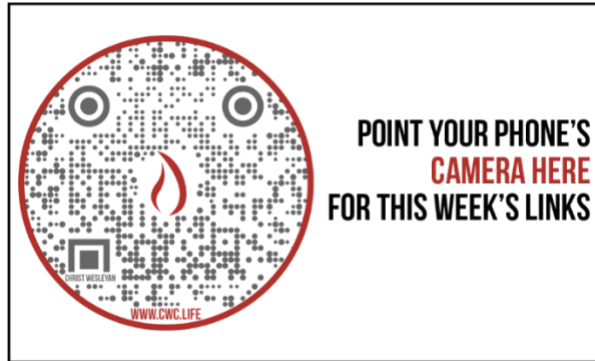
Bottom Line:

God gave His Son so the world could be saved from the pigsty of sin.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: REACH
Week 2: REACH With Love
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 76.2% of goal

Giving year to date: 82.8% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,836

Salvations to date: 179 | Baptisms to date: 51

Upcoming Happenings:

October 12: Food Packing Party - 9 – 11a

October 25: Trunk or Treat – 6:30p

October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2: Prayer
(Milton Auditorium) 6p-7p

Notetakers are History Makers