



Reach the One

Luke 15:1-7
Mark 2:1-5

“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’” Luke 15:1-2 (NIV)

A. Reach: The One Lost Sheep

1. The one sheep was lost because of self.

“Then Jesus told them this parable, ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.’

Luke 15:3-4a (NIV)

2. The one sheep caused a search and rescue.

“‘Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?’” Luke 15:4b (NIV)

3. The one sheep (found) caused celebration.

“‘And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over the ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.’” Luke 15:5-7 (NIV)

B. Reach: The One Lost Friend

1. There is a process to forgiveness.

a. The man went to—was brought to—Jesus.
“Some men came, bringing to Him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.” Mark 2:3 (NIV)

b. The men possessed a deep faith in Jesus.
“Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.” Mark 2:4 (NIV)

2. Jesus saw their faith and healed the spiritual part of the man.

“When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’” Mark 2:5 (NIV)

3. Jesus, then, healed the physical part of the man.

“Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ‘Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ Immediately Jesus knew in His spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, ‘Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So He said to the man, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’ He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’” Mark 2:6-12 (NIV)

C. Let’s Reach the One—Together!

1. We will continue to find ways to reach!

“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV)

2. What are you willing to sacrifice to help?

“Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord today?” 1 Chronicles 29:5b

Bottom Line:

If the church won’t reach the one, Satan will.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

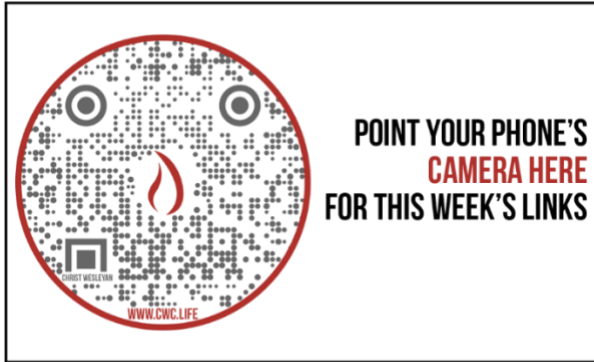
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Next Sunday: LiveLESS

Week 1: A Life of Prayer

Milton Campus: Pastor Erik Ireland

Sunbury Campus: Pastor Ken Paulhamus



Notetakers are History Makers

Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 65.2% of goal

Giving year to date: 82.2% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,866

Salvations to date: 179 | Baptisms to date: 51

Upcoming Happenings:

October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2: Prayer

(Milton Auditorium) 6p-7p

November 8-10: Youth Fall Retreat

November 8: Soul Sisters Friendsgiving 6-8p

November 9: Enchanted Evening! 6p

Mark Your Calendars:

December 14: Christmas Encounter

December 24: A Christ Wesleyan Christmas Eve

Milton Campus: 3p, 4:30p, 6p

Sunbury Campus: 3p and 4:30p

December 29: “Culture Wars: A Morning with Ruslan”

LIVE Morning Guest Speaker: Ruslan (YouTube Influencer.)