

Lost Sheep...Lost Coin

The Pharisees come to Jesus in Luke 15 grumbling that "this fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus responded to the grumbling with stories of the lost sheep and the lost coin. Using the "scales of justice" I hope to explain the world view of the Pharisees and honestly of most of us. We expect consequences. The world seems to be balanced when we "get what we deserve." It seems unfair in both directions when we get more or less than we deserve.

1st Step

Luke 15:1-10

Romans 2:1-3

John 8:4-11

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"Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves." - Carl Gustav Jung

We all have things that need improvement. Sometimes, as Jung points out, things that irritate us about others helps us understand ourselves. What in others irritates you?

We

In Romans 2:1-3, Paul warns us about passing judgment on others.

How have you observed Christians minimizing their own faults by judging someone else? How does that make you feel? What does this say to other people?

They

Read John 8:4-11. Notice how Jesus interacts with the Pharisees, scribes and the woman in the story.

How can we demonstrate Jesus' message of forgiveness to others?

Sermon Notes

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