

Sunday 10/05/08 p.m.

To Seek and To Save
Luke 15:11-32
Pastor McMorris

Review:

Christ's parable, known to us at the parable of the "prodigal son" was a powerful lesson that Christ used to communicate truth to both sinners and scribes. In this parable, Christ makes clear His Father's intention to seek and to save sinners; His loving heart for a repentant sinner; and his desire for those trapped in legalistic Pharisaism to turn to Him.

Outline Review:

- I. The younger son.
- II. The Father's response.
- III. The elder son.
- IV. The Father's response.
- V. The unexpected ending.

Application:

1. Why do we need to know the parable's context from Luke 15:1-3? How does this affect how we understand the teaching of Jesus in vs. 11-32?
2. Why do we need to know something about what kind (genre) of literature a parable is?
3. How does the Father deal with both the younger son and the older son?
4. What kind of teenager would the younger son look like? What kind of teenager would the older son look like? Do you tend to be like the younger son or the older son?
5. How can you reach out to others (whether they are "younger" or "older" sons)? How can you demonstrate God's love to them through the teaching of this parable?