

Reflecting on God's Heart

The "Shifting of our Priorities" *needs to be motivated by* the purpose of coming to _____ God's heart.

Isn't it interesting that the sinners were _____ to Jesus, while the religious leaders seemed to continue to murmur.

Jesus shared three stories (parables) that had four reoccurring _____. [Lost, Found, Repentance and Rejoicing]

Concerning the *LOST*, picture God's *LOVE* Lk 15:1-7

S _____ for the *W* _____

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; ... Isaiah 53:6

to rescue them from the *D*angers of the world.

Concerning being *FOUND*, picture God's *LIGHT* Lk 15:8-10

S _____ to help find what is *M* _____

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6

to relieve them from the *D*arkness of the world.
desperation

Concerning *REPENTANCE*, picture God's *LOVE* Lk 15:11-24

S _____ allowed to *W* _____ disobey

but ready to rescue them from *D*eath when they return.

Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; ... 1 Corinthians 15:34

Concerning *Rejoicing*, picture the good brother's *LIFE*
Lk 15:25-332

he's *S* _____ from *J* _____!

In his heart there wasn't *concern* for his brother.

He was focused on *J*udging the *W* _____ doers.

He was focused on *J*ustifying what he *D*eserved.

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Matthew 15:8

The brother overlooked what he had and what his brother left.

The Father's presence and S _____.

God's Heart and Focus is bigger than we can comprehend.

He (John the Baptist) came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through Him all might believe. John 1:7

... May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21

who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:4

... we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. 1 Tim 4:10

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

... Instead He (the LORD) is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Often we picture that the church is a congregation in a community.

Perhaps God wants us to see the church
as a congregation _____ a community.

Optional Reading:

Key Words: Love, Light and Life
John 1, 3-5, 8-11 & 17 1 John 1 - 5

(14 chapters)