

A Sermon Series on Knowing God
THE HEART OF GOD
Luke 15:1-32

Main Idea — Those who seek the heart of God will seek the lost for God.

Introduction — Instead of placing a high value in people, we place too much value in our careers, interests, and material possessions. If we know and love God, we will know His heart, and His heart is for the lost. Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost.

I. The Heart of God Revealed in the Lost _____ (vv.1-7)

A. He _____ the 99 to go after the 1 that is lost. (vv.1-6a)

B. There is rejoicing in _____ over one who repents (vv.6b-7)

II. The Heart of God Revealed in the Lost _____ (vv.8-10)

A. He goes to great _____ to find the lost (v.8)

B. There is rejoicing in the presence of _____ over one who repents (vv.9-10)

III. The Heart of God Revealed in the Lost _____ (vv.11-32)

A. He allows the lost to experience the _____ of their choices (vv.11-16).

B. He waits for the lost to realize their _____ condition (vv.17-20a, 21)

C. He is filled with compassion and receives him with _____ (v.20b)

D. He celebrates with gladness the change from _____ death to life (vv.22-32)

Conclusion — To know God is to know what matters most to God. People matter most to Him as evidenced by his desire that all men be saved. We are his instruments to carry the message to the lost. If we seek God's heart, we too will seek the lost.