

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

5 September All-Age Worship

Bible Passages

Luke 15:1-10

Theme & Introduction

The parables in Luke 15 show God’s heart for all His people – not just those who are already in the community of faith. Do we share that heart... really?

Questions

1. Read Luke 15:1-10
2. What provoked Jesus into telling this parable?
How would the pharisees have heard it?
Are the issues that Jesus confronts the pharisees with things that can creep into the church? How can we recognise them and deal with them?
3. What does this parable tell us about God’s heart for his creation?
What parts of our lives/our church’s life best reflect that concern?
What parts of our lives/our church’s do not reflect that concern?
4. V7 means what it says, Luke 15:7 (NIV) “...*there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*”
How would that have made the pharisees feel?
How does it make you feel?
5. This whole chapter suggests that God loves to celebrate / party. How can our church family life reflect that? [*think wider than formal events, eg. how would it affect the things we say, our behaviour, our friendships etc.*]
6. How can your group add to the sense of celebration this term?