

II. HOW DO WE LOVE OUR OUTREACH?

A. By Searching For The Lost (the first two parables).

- Compassion

“And on some have compassion, making a distinction;” Jude 22

- Effort

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

- Persistence

“He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.”
Psalm 126:6

B. By Being Attractive To The Lost (the third parable).

- A warm atmosphere.

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:24

People are not looking for a friendly church, they are looking for friends!

- A relevant atmosphere.

“to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.” I Corinthians 9:22

We must create likeable surroundings where God can work in the hearts of people.

**I LOVE MY CHURCH BECAUSE
WE VALUE OUR OUTREACH!!**

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INTRODUCTION

A. Jesus loves the church and so should you!!

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,” Ephesians 5:25

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

B. People from all walks of life from all over the world call Capital Baptist Church “home” and love this church. In this series, we will examine six core values of our church which cause us to love this church so much.

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C. TEXT: Luke 15:1-32 (Pew Bible/Pg 1026/New Test.)

We love our outreach because we love our community and our world.

WE LOVE OUR OUTREACH

I. WHY DO WE LOVE OUR OUTREACH?

A. Because of the works of Jesus (15:1-2).

“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

- Sinners were rejected by the Pharisees and Scribes.

“9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’

13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:9-14

- Sinners were received by Jesus.

“16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, “How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?”

17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” Mark 2:16-17

B. Because of the words of Jesus (15:3-32).

1. Jesus spoke three parables.

- The Parable Of The Lost Sheep (vs 3-7).
- The Parable Of The Lost Silver (vs 8-10).
- The Parable Of The Lost Son (vs 11-32).

2. Jesus’ parables have three principles in common.

- In each parable something of great value and importance was missing. None of us have seen a person that God does not love. Everyone is important to God!
- The value of each lost thing was worth an all out search
The sheep – left the ninety-nine for the one.
The silver – swept the entire house.
The son – how often do you think the Father had looked up that road wishing his son would come home?
- Finding whatever was lost always resulted in great rejoicing.

3. Jesus’ parables center around three key words.

- Lost (vs 4, 6, 8, 9, 24, 32).
-to be out of place.

The lost sheep was out of the place of protection.

The lost silver was out of the place of purpose.

The lost son was out of the place of privilege.

- Found (vs 5, 6, 9, 24, 32).
-to be put back in place.
- Rejoice (vs 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 23, 24, 29, 32).
-the result that occurs when that which is out of place is put back in place.

Summarized we can say, “When that which is LOST is FOUND there is JOY.”