



Part 5 | Love

At some point, everyone has felt unloveable. We feel that way because of things we have done or terrible thoughts that we have had. As much as we can, we hide those things about ourselves because we believe that if others knew our secrets, they wouldn't like us, much less love us. But Jesus knows everything about us and loves us anyway. In this final installment, we looked at some of the most well-known stories Jesus told to learn one of the most important truths about Jesus: he is love. Once you embrace this reality, it will change your life.

Bottom Line: Jesus didn't make people feel worse; Jesus made people feel loved because Jesus is love.

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you lost something of great value to you. Did you ever find it? If so, how and when did you find it? What did you do after you found it?
2. What motivated Jesus to tell three parables in Luke 15 (see vv. 1-3)?
3. In the message, it was suggested that there were three common threads woven throughout these three parables. What were the three common threads?
4. Read Luke 15:11-24. What is striking to you about the father's response in verse 20?
 - (a) How do you think the Pharisees and teachers of the law reacted to what Jesus said in verse 20? What do you think went through the minds of the tax collectors and sinners?
 - (b) How does verse 20 impact you?
5. Why do you think Jesus included a celebration at the end of each of these stories?
 - (a) How does it make you feel to know that the day you turned to Jesus in faith that there was a cosmic celebration in heaven?
6. What reactions or thoughts do you have when you hear this statement: Jesus' love for you is not based on what you do, it is based on who he is.

Moving Forward

1. What has been the most helpful or encouraging thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
2. If you were to memorize either 1 John 3:16 or 1 John 4:10, which one would you choose? Why?
3. How can the group pray for and support you this week?