

Joy in Heaven

“I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents” — Jesus

Sermon Questions

1. Philippians 2:14 explicitly condemns what (common) sin? _____
2. Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to Jesus. This is significant for two reasons:
 - i. We would expect the “_____” to be the ones responding to the high call of discipleship.
 - ii. It demonstrates the _____ of Jesus to receive sinners.
3. Jesus doesn’t eat with sinners to affirm them *in* their sin but to _____ them *from* their sin.
4. Who is the good shepherd in the parable of the lost sheep? _____
5. The lost coin was worth how much? _____

First, from these parables we learn God’s Mission.

6. Jesus is the great seeker who desires to see lost sinners saved. (Yes/No)
7. List at least two passages that show God is the seeker who effectually saves:
8. _____

Second, from these parables we learn God’s Joy.

9. God rejoices when one single sinner repents and is saved. (Yes/No)
10. We must imitate God in _____ by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
11. Rather than guilt motivating mission, we should be motivated by _____.
12. We must imitate God in _____ when the lost are found.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Have you been guilty of grumbling? Jot down what you've grumbled about and confess this to the Lord. How will you guard against grumbling in the future?
2. What are some ways you have shared the gospel in the past 6 months? How can a God-centered motivation spur you on to greater faithfulness in this area? Who can you speak to this week?
3. List all the reasons you to rejoice in God's saving work. Consider your own life, and then consider the blessings he has poured out upon the church.
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

