

LIFE GROUP NOTES-LOST AND FOUND

Opening Prayer

Welcome

What was it that made you accept Jesus as your Saviour?

Word Read Luke 15;1-10 In this passage Jesus uses the word “Lost”

The dictionary definitions of “Lost” are as follows:-

- A) Unable to be found
- B) Unable to find one’s way or ascertain one’s whereabouts.
- C) Confused, bewildered or helpless.
- D) Not utilised or taken advantage of.
- E) No longer possessed or existing because of defeat, misfortune or the passage of time.
- F) Destroyed physically (e.g. “the lost platoon”)
- G) No longer available or open to.
- H) Engrossed (e.g. ”he was lost in his book”)
- I) Morally fallen (e.g. “a lost woman”)
- J) Damned (e.g. “a lost soul”)

In the parable of the Lost Sheep, the sheep didn’t get lost on purpose. People are lost for many reasons. Maybe you identify with one or some of the following reasons:-

- 1) Lost by being preoccupied – Absorbed by something in life and do not even take the time to find out about true Christianity.
- 2) Lost because no one cares about them – We need to take responsibility to care about them and win them by showing that we care.
- 3) Most do not know that they are lost. They need to go on a journey of discovery of faith.
- 4) Lost by miscalculation. – things happen in their life and they blame God. They need to be introduced to the Saviour.
- 5) Lost because they feel dirty. – They need to know that God loves them just as they are, and He died to bring them forgiveness and freedom from shame and a new life.
- 6) Lost people cannot trust strangers. They need meaningful relationships and genuine connections.
- 7) Lost people cannot trust strangers. They need a simple, clear explanation. “Keep It Simple Stupid”. –Tell your story, warts ‘n all, and watch and listen to what they say.

In 2Corinthians 4.6 there is a phrase “let there be light” which God used in creation. It is also used in regard to salvation. So **Salvation is as great as Creation**

Works Write down the names of three people you would pray for and will seek to witness to.

Pray

- 1) Those you have just listed
- 2) Those who are not well
- 3) The Alpha Course
- 4) The upcoming Albania trip.- team meeting on Saturday.