

First Southern Baptist Church - February 23, 2022
This Man Receives Sinners - Lk 15:1-10

Introduction:

1. Note why this parable was told - verses 2-3
2. Note who approached who - they came to Jesus
3. Three pictures that say the same thing
 - a lost humanity
 - a lost coin
 - a lost sheep
 - a lost son
 - People need to be found
 - a seeking Savior
 - hunting for coin
 - hunting for sheep
 - Not a sit back Savior
 - a rich joy
 - shepherd
 - joy over coin
 - son - party
4. But! A different attitude - He “welcomed” them
 - received them
 - Focus here
 - His attitude = welcome
 - Their attitude = did not
 - Goal - a good attitude toward sinners

I. It is Important What these Verses Do NOT Say:

1. Inaccurate picture of Jesus:
 - the stir em up person
 - the “anti” everything person
2. Do not say
 - he went to the bars and strip clubs - they approached Him
 - they are just as holy as we are
 - we ought to lower our standard
 - He accepted their lifestyle

II. Today: - our attitude toward sinners

1. Not really sure we’re right
 2. Easily intimidated
 3. Not very pure and we know it
 4. Easily influenced to do the wrong thing
 5. We lower our standard
- All these together:

III. Five Basic Differences in Jesus’ Attitude:

1. His basic love for people
2. A certain humility
3. No comparisons
 - at least I'm not like that...
 - I'm better than that...
 - Gossip is comparison - judgmental
4. Had faith they could change
 - wanted to help them change
 - woman taken in adultery - told her to change
 - Zac - a thief - he changed
5. Two ways to approach sinful people
 - get right - get loved (Pharisees)
 - get loved - get right (Jesus)
 - A problem in reaching people:
 - 1) Think not received - "will not like me - I have tattoos"
 - 2) Cliches - little groups with shut walls
 - this group
 - = contemporary music vs gospel music
 - =this pastor or group = youth min vs music min
 - 3) FBC Richland = outsiders and insiders - "alien"

Love em - just as people

Go to the doctor

- compassion
- but doesn't love sickness
- believes they can be well

Attitude is everything - feel it a mile off