SERMON SERIES: Flip the Switch

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Key Line

Our perspectives are shaped by our experiences.

Introduction

God sees the world and thinks, "Redemption." Many people in the world are enslaved, starving, don't know Jesus, or are killed for their faith. He sees every person's pain and struggle.

Seek the Word

Read Luke 14:25-35

- What do people typically do to show that they follow Jesus?
- What did Jesus mean when he said a man should "hate" his own father and mother and family? (Every other relationship in your life should take second place to the one you have with Jesus. No other relationship should be greater to you than the one with him.)
- What do Jesus's examples of building a tower and a king going to battle mean? (Count the cost before you begin following him.)
- How do you know if your primary calling is being a child of God? (What are you worried about, think most about? If those are the things Jesus thinks about, you are following him. He changes your desires to be like his.)

Read Luke 15:1-10. In this passage, Jesus gives his followers a mission.

- How does Jesus feel when a person comes to him, when he finds his lost sheep or his lost coin? (He rejoices.)
- What happens in heaven when a lost person returns to Jesus? (Rejoicing)
- Why do you think heaven rejoices more over a lost person returning than over 99 who were never lost?

Read Luke 15:11-31 or retell the story of the prodigal son.

- What condition was the boy in when he returned to the father? (Stinky, dirty, starving)
- How did the father react? (He hugged him, welcomed him, clothed him. He loved him and welcomed him, despite his mess.)
- How should we react with people who are lost?

Talk About It

• What are some practical ways we can show this overwhelming love that Jesus has for us and for others?

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