

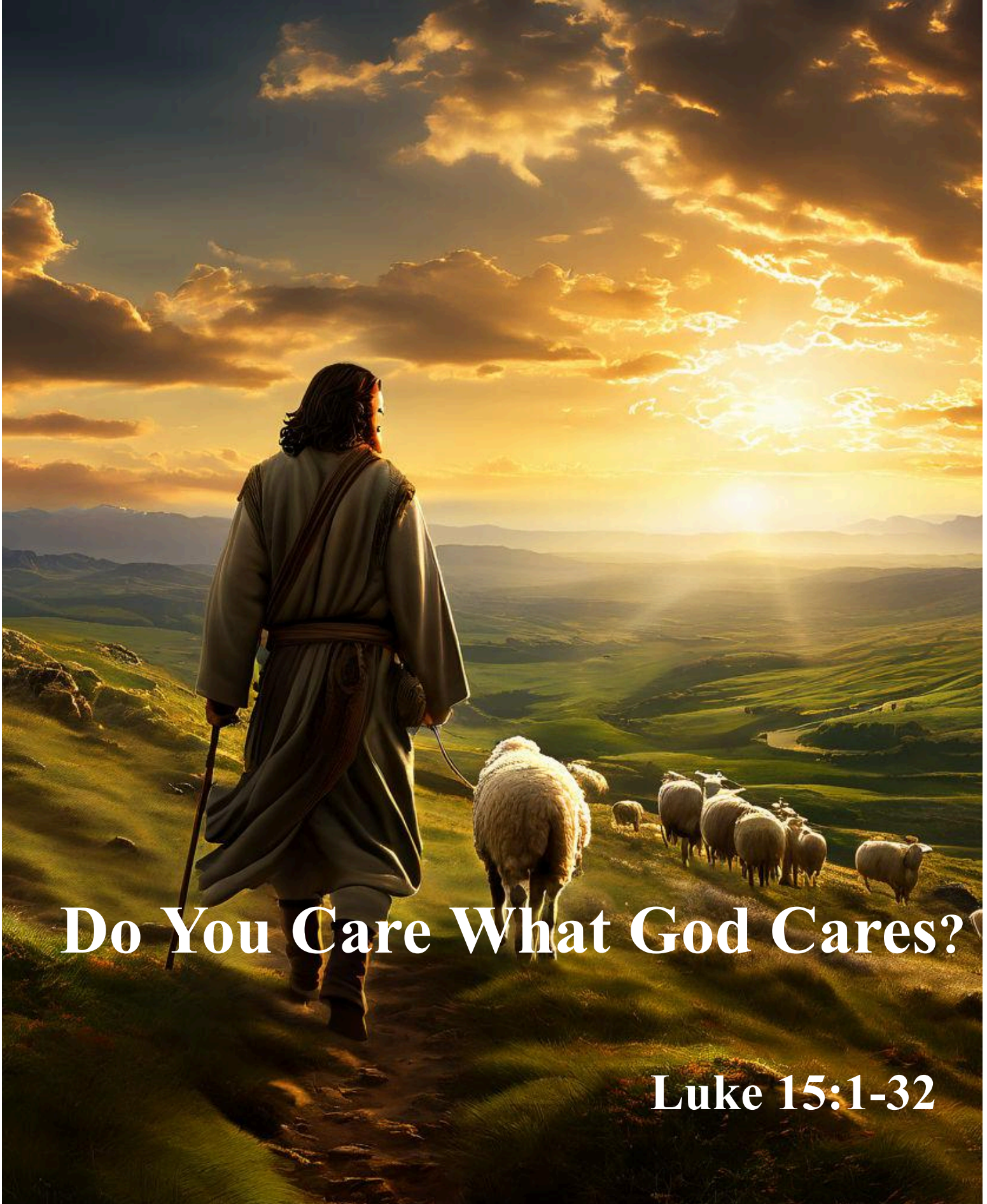


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Do You Care What God Cares?

Luke 15:1-32

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation 1 Chronicles 16:8-10 (CSB)

Welcome Gary Sham

Adoration
Glory To God Forever
King Of Kings
Here For You

Prayer Candy Chin

Scripture Luke 15:1-32 (CSB)
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Proclamation Do You Care What God Cares?
Reverend Henry Kwan

Response Jesus Paid It All

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Luke 15:1-32 (CSB)

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” **3** So he told them this parable: **4** “What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, **6** and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ **7** I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don’t need repentance. **8** “Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? **9** When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!’ **10** I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents.” **11** He also said, “A man had two sons. **12** The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.’ So he distributed the assets to them. **13** Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living. **14** After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing. **15** Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16** He longed to eat his fill from the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one would give him anything. **17** When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger! **18** I’ll get up, go to my father, and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. **19** I’m no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired workers.’” **20** So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. **21** The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I’m no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** “But the father told his servants, ‘Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let’s celebrate with a feast, **24** because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ So they began to celebrate. **25** “Now his older son was in the field; as he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** So he summoned one of the servants, questioning what these things meant. **27** ‘Your brother is here,’ he told him, ‘and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ **28** “Then he became angry and didn’t want to go in. So his father came out and pleaded with him. **29** But he replied to his father, ‘Look, I have been slaving many years for you, and I have never disobeyed your orders, yet you never gave me a goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ **31** “‘Son,’ he said to him, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. **32** But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Notes

Outline:

1. God is seeking the lost.
2. God is pleased when the lost are found.
3. God despises the heartless.

Conclusion:

Do you care what God cares?

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

"Disheartened? ...Fear not!"

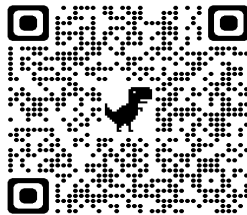
Disheartening News is that which disappoints us or is less than encouraging. Recently, I attended a prayer meeting where there was a mixture of joyous sharing and disheartening news. Problems remind us to make sure we are more dependent on God and less dependent on ourselves.....a good thing!

Some people face difficulties and trials by retreating or implementing flight! Some attempt to seek God's strength and boldly push onwards for the Kingdom and His Church. Some, even in the name of Christ, may be misguided to say things that are less than exemplary to the cause of Christ's church. It is important to remember that we are all human and sinful (Romans 3:23). We may not understand the thinking or actions of others, but God's work, and love of mankind, must remain as a motivator for the decisions we make and what we say. It is through our grasp of God and His Will for our lives that we may see our attitudes, actions, and words become of value. May we daily choose to be more of an encourager and less of a spoiler with the utterances we provide toward others.

Psalm 19:14 drives us forward with the words, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Announcements

- **Standard IT Platform training** is open to everyone who wants to join and learn about the new file storage procedure for church and committee documents using the approved platform. Tools and Apps of the platform will also be covered. Two training sessions will be available on Saturday, Sept 28, 2024 from 9 am to 11 am in room 163 or Sunday, Oct 6, 2024 from 4 pm to 6 pm via google meet. Both training dates will cover the same material. For more details, contact Winsor Lim or Nancy Ngao at computersupport@cbchouston.org. Please scan this QR code for registration.



- **Deacon Ordination Service** will be held on Sunday, Sept 29, 2024 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a lunch celebration at 1:30 pm in the FLC. The invitation is open for everyone to come.
- **ESL volunteer teachers needed:** Please consider volunteering your time every Sunday (starts Sept 8 to Dec 15) from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm in room 221. The volunteer schedule will be on a rotation basis. Please contact Therese Chen at theresechen424@yahoo.com if you are interested.
- **Rainbow Field trip** to San Jacinto Monument on Thursday, Oct 3. Cost \$15/person. RSVP with Dorothy Chow at dorothy8chow@gmail.com.
- **Brownsville Mission Trip canceled**, instead there is a missions training opportunity at Wilcrest Baptist Church called "Who Is My Neighbor?" from Friday, Oct 11 and Sat Oct 12. It will help us achieve a similar purpose, of learning to engage the unreached groups living around our communities for the sake of the gospel. If anyone is interested, please register at <https://www.ubahouston.org/events>.

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