

Evening Lesson

Operation Soul-lebration

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:6-7, 9-10

I was told it was the most important decision I would ever make. I told others the same thing. BUT... do we show it?

Consider this... *we naturally praise what we value* (James 5:13).

- Jeremiah described the feeling of God's internalized word as a fire within his bones, not even discouragement nor bullying could keep him silent (Jeremiah 20:7-10).
- Remember the words of Christ saying, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," (Matthew 6:21).
- This is why James commands the cheerful to sing (James 5:13) and the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy saying, "But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed," (2 Timothy 2:1:12).

How should we react when what was lost is found and when the wonderer comes home?

- Family: The shepherd celebrated after coming home.
- Community: The woman gathered FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS to rejoice.
- Celebration: The father gave an impromptu celebration (Luke 15:24).
- Rejoicing: The Ethiopian nobleman went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8).

List two ways our congregation can celebrate the lost being found and the wonderer coming home:

List three ways your family can celebrate.

How will YOU rejoice?
