

Welcome to Bible Study 11 September 2022

“MISSION POSSIBLE”

Welcome everyone to the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Prayer Please pray together

Merciful God, you seek us in the hidden places of our ignorance and in the forgotten corners of our despair, have mercy on us Lord. Gather us into your loving embrace, and pour upon us your wise and holy Spirit, so that we may become faithful servants in whom you rejoice with all the company of heaven, Amen.

**Q 1 Have you ever lost something and searched all over for it?
How did you feel when you found it?**

Worship

Choose some of your favourites this week

Word: Psalm 51.1-10

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Word: Luke 15.1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Q 2 Why do you think it matters to search for the lost?

Q 3 In this week’s parables Jesus tells us that God never stops looking for the lost. Jesus was challenging the religious leaders about who they discounted - discuss

Q 4 Do you think we could love better. Have we or our church become complacent?

Works

Who can we reach out to this week?

Ending prayer Please pray together

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject what is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, have mercy on us Lord, we pray, Amen.

Shalom

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