



## JESUS, STORYTELLER

### STUDYING THE PARABLES OF JESUS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

- I. Welcome and open with prayer
- II. Icebreaker Each person introduces themselves and completes the following statements:
  - a. The best thing about summer becoming autumn is \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The worst thing about summer becoming autumn is \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Our congregational theme for 2017-18 is *God's Story Written on the World*. As a group, list the ways that God communicates God's story to us.
- IV. Share a story (not from the Bible) that had a significant impact on you at some point in your life. It could range from a children's book to a novel or film. What was impactful about it?
- V. Is there one particular story from the Bible that has had an unusually profound effect on your faith and life?
- VI. **Beginning at 7:20**: Read Luke 15:1-10 The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
  - a. Who was the audience for these stories? What was the situation?
  - b. What words or ideas are repeated?
  - c. What would you say that Jesus is communicating through these stories?

**7:40** Move to sanctuary for large group

## **Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable:

<sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”