15.04.26 Who Is Jesus? Are You Their Friends Too? Luke 7.31 – 34 Notes

**What does it mean for us that Jesus is a friend of sinners?**

1. Despite our sinful condition, **Jesus desires a with you.** Luke 19.10, 4.18
2. **Guilt by association.** Luke 5.30; 7.31 – 34; 15

The first is the parable of the   . READ Luke 15.4 – 7.

Jesus follows this up with the parable of the lost . Verses 8 – 10.

Jesus adds another illustration in the parable of the lost  . Verses 11 – 32.

Each of these three stories illustrates God’s  in seeking

out the lost, and God’s  when sinners repent and believe in him.

**RESPONSE**

For a few: Do you need to receive Jesus’ offer of friendship, of forgiveness, of redemption and salvation?

For many here today, Jesus being a friend of sinners is a call for you to:

**Connect with unbelievers to help them connect with Jesus.**

The call toJesus is linked to the call to  your life. John 15.13 – 14

How can we **Connect with unbelievers to help them connect with Jesus?**

**Recognize the . Matthew 28.18 – 20**

 **God’s Help.** Matthew 9.37 – 38

 **to Connection Opportunities.** Ephesians 6.19 – 20

 **with the Spirit and love of Jesus…and pour that out.** Ephesians 5.18

CONCLUSION: Being like Jesus is being a friend to sinners. For many this is more of a challenge than we’d like to admit. It is significantly important that we ask God to help us do our part.