

DEEP SIX STUDY

November 7th, 2021

The Story Project – “A Vision For The Future”

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS (You can view the full message on Facebook or at live.capecodchurch.com/live)

Opening: (Luke 15:1-2) – Jesus had a problem. People didn’t get what he was trying to do. And the crowds he attracted – his “church” – didn’t look right; many were “tax collectors and other notorious sinners.” When the “good” people complained and questioned him, Jesus told them three stories...

- The three parables in Luke 15 – the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son – are a great illustration of Cape Cod Church’s Mission as a church: “To Help People Discover a Full Life With God,” and our Vision to see people “Live Fully.”
- Our Mission and Vision are (and will be) lived out for us as a church through our pursuit of five Values – the things that make us who we are and guide our vision for the future. We will:

1. Be For the One...Who’s Not Here Yet (Luke 15:3-4)

- Our heart as a church beats for those who don’t yet believe – and it always will. We love and want to reach the *unchurched*, the *uncertain*, and the *skeptical* – even (especially) those who might think we’re “crazy losers” for surrendering our lives to God. We *love* that person!

2. Create Community...That Becomes Family (Luke 15:5-6)

- We believe that community starts in *rows*, but it flourishes in *circles*. We will seek to give everyone – from the kids in The Park to the elderly among us – the opportunity to join with others in groups and teams in which they can grow and experience the Gift of Life together.

3. Share The Story of Life...and Life to the Full (Luke 15:7)

- The Bible, from start to finish, is The Story of God’s desire to give people the Gift of Life. We will continue to tell that story to all who come to hear it, at every opportunity. We’ll be especially focused on sharing The Story – including the “why” of what God’s doing – to younger generations who may not have heard *any* of it before coming to Cape Cod Church.

4. Give Generously...to Care for People’s Lives (Luke 15:8)

- The measure of a church is not a beautiful building, or how many people come to church, or how well we “perform” on Sundays. The measure of our church will be *how generous we are* – with our time, our talents, and our money – to others. Our near-term goal/vision: to give away \$1 million to bring life to those “Across the Street and Around the Globe” in three years.

5. Build a Culture of Celebration...That Reflects Heaven (Luke 15:22-24)

- We’ll constantly look for opportunities to celebrate what heaven celebrates: when people discover and live out a Full Life with God. We’ll meet, worship, serve and celebrate with a joy that’s infectious, seeking to make Cape Cod Church “The Happiest Place on Earth”!

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

These passages may provide additional insights related to the subject of this week's message. Verses from NLT unless otherwise noted.

Psalms 16:11; Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 18:20; John 3:16-17; Romans 10:11-15; Acts 2:43-47

Video of the Week: [Gospel of the Kingdom](#) by the Bible Project

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. In your experience with Cape Cod Church, what would you say is the one thing that makes us unique – the thing that defines us as a church?
2. Our Mission Statement is a simple one: “To Help People Discover a Full Life With God.” How well do you think that statement captures all we’ve been called to do and be as a church? Explain your answer.
3. Re-read our five Values statements (our Plan for the future). Which one excites you the most – the one that makes you say “I want to be a part of that!”? Explain your answer.
4. Read Luke 15:1-2 again. Jesus attracted “notorious sinners” with his message and his acts of love. If we, as a church, tell his story well and love like he did, we should attract lots of “notorious sinners,” too. How should we handle that? What place should “notorious sinners” have in our church?
5. Why is our generosity – specifically, our generosity to those *outside* our church – so important to carrying out our church’s mission to “Help People Discover a Full Life With God”? Could we do that mission without being outwardly generous to others? Why or why not?
6. Take the time to pray, as a group or individually, for the future of Cape Cod Church. Pray that God would enable, equip and empower us to carry out our mission well, and that he would use us as a church to take the Good News of his Kingdom “Across the Street and Around the Globe.”