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**Luke 15:1-32 (NLT)**

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to hear Jesus teach. The Pharisees and teachers of religious law complained that he was associating with despicable people – even eating with them! So Jesus used these illustrations: “If you had one hundred sheep, and one of them strayed away and was lost in the wilderness, wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine others to go search for the lost one until you found it? And then you would joyfully carry it home on your shoulders. When you arrived you would call together your friends and neighbors to rejoice with you because your lost sheep was found. In the same way, heaven will be happier over one lost sinner who returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

...“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you and I are very close, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life. He was lost, but now is found!’”

**Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)**

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

**Mosaic (mp3)**

**Purpose:** Why do we exist?

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)** Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

1. To make passionate followers of Christ

**Plan:** How are we going to accomplish our purpose?

**Luke 19:10 (NIV)** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

**Seek** – To create **environments to introduce** people to the love of Christ.

1. Weekend services
2. Family ministry
3. Newcomers

**Save** – To create **environments to transform** people into the image of Christ

1. Small groups
2. Pastoral care
3. Essential classes
4. Baptism

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**Send** – To create **opportunities to unleash** people for the cause of Christ.

1. Core classes
2. Volunteer staff
3. Missions
4. Protégé program
5. Church planting

**Process:** What are the steps towards our purpose?

**Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)** Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

1. Newcomers
2. Essentials
3. Small groups or ministry team
4. Core classes
5. Protégés

**What’s it going to take?**

1. Faith
2. Support

**BE IN THE KNOW**

**Essentials:** A series of 3, 1-hour classes designed to assist you in your growth as a Christian and also explain the beliefs and values of Mosaic. Anyone wishing to serve and be a part of Mosaic needs to attend the Essential classes. Classes are offered on **Sunday mornings** during the **10:15am** service in Theater 14. Each class (Intimacy, Community & Ministry) stands alone but all three should be completed. Join us **THIS SUNDAY** for Community. Visit [www.mosaicchurch.tv](http://www.mosaicchurch.tv), “Get Connected”, “Essentials” for more info.

**Men’s Breakfast:**

Saturday, **August 25<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am, meet at Shoney’s, 8531 N Tryon St

If you have never attended a dinner or breakfast before here is your chance to meet some men from Mosaic! Shoney’s has a great breakfast buffet too, so COME HUNGRY!

**MSM Parent’s Meeting:**

Parents of all Mosaic students (middle & high school) are invited to attend an informational meeting on **August 26<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the 11:30am service, in Theater 11. The meeting will cover the Sept-Dec calendar and 2008 student summer mission trip.

