



Connect Notes - 22 June 2015

### EVERY ONE MATTERS - Ps Phil Pringle

*What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?*

**Luke 15:4 (NKJV)**

We continue to impress on people the importance of each individual in the world to God.

- We know that when you lose your child in a public place or if your child is estranged from you, you do not cut your losses and move on, you think about them constantly because a part of you has broken away.
- That is how God feels about everyONE on this planet.

Jesus tells three parables of lost things:

- A Lost sheep, Luke 15:4
- A lost coin, Luke 15:8
- A lost son, Luke 15:11-32

Shepherds count their sheep so that they know when one is missing and then they search for it, like the woman who lost a silver coin searched or the man with the lost son waited.

- We must own and realise that the reason for all we do as a Church is to bring in the lost.
- There is no greater reason for our expansion (more services, programs, church plants, TV shows).

We cannot change a person: but Jesus can.

- People are transformed when Christ comes into their lives and so we do these things as a Church to bring this about, to let people hear Him calling them into a relationship with Him. This is what Vision Builders is all about.

Sometimes we see people fall away from Church because of a trial and they can always come back, but the better thing is to go through your trials with dignity, prayer and a good attitude so that God can grow you to a new level.

The best way to prepare for tomorrow is to become a bigger person.

- When we are challenged to become a bigger person we often wonder if we can do it, but getting involved however small grows over time until it adds up to something big.
- You can become responsible for some of the changed lives that we hear about every week at C3.

Zacchaeus in Luke 19:8-9 was a rich man, but rich by dishonest means.

- He was considered a traitor, collecting taxes from his fellow Jews to support the Roman expansion and taking more than required so he could keep the difference.

- BUT he hungered for Jesus and so, being short, Zacchaeus climbs a tree. Jesus saw Him in the tree and invited Himself to Zacchaeus' house for lunch.

- There isn't a record of Jesus saying much, but having Him in the house transforms Zacchaeus who, getting conscious of his guilt announces he will give his vast wealth back to the people.

The evidence of a transformed life is moving from being a taker to a giver.

- The rich young ruler in the previous chapter was sorrowful when Jesus said told him to give, but Zacchaeus was joyful. Salvation had come to his house.

- How much would the city of Jericho have been transformed by Zacchaeus' transformation and giving?

#### **TALK ABOUT:**

**\* Was there a moment in your life when you were transformed from being a taker to a giver?**

**\* Are there people you know who are currently lost or have fallen away? Pray for them.**

**\* Take some time to pray for the next year– that our Vision Builders commitments will be seeds that turn into revival for Sydney and the world.**

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

##### **C3 CHURCH SYDNEY PRAYER MEETINGS**

Each week our locations are gathering together across the City, humbling themselves and lifting up Sydney to God. We would love for you to join us on these powerful nights.

**CITY / 7-8pm, Wednesday Fortnightly**

**OXFORD FALLS / 7-8pm, every Tuesday**

**PENRITH / 7-8pm, every Tuesday**

**ROZELLE / 7-8pm, every Tuesday**

**SILVERWATER / 7-8pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month**

##### **OXFORD FALLS PRAYER AND WORSHIP GATHERINGS**

Prayer and Worship Meeting held **every Wednesday** evening in the **Prayer Chapel** from **7.30pm - 8.30pm**.

The Prayer Chapel will also be open from **6pm - Midnight** on the **last Friday of every Month** for worship and prayer.

Both gatherings will be led by Minister of Prayer Heidi Wysman.