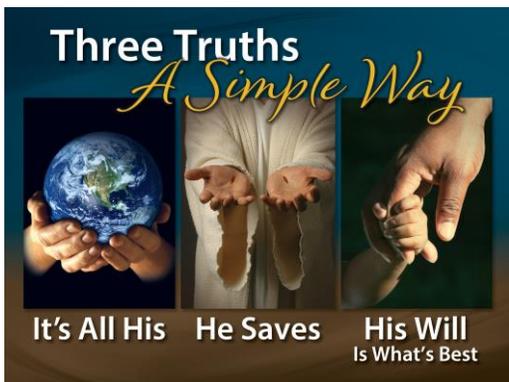


**Bible Study: St. John's – West Bend**  
**September 18 & 19, 2019**



*And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'*      *Jesus, the Christ*      (Luke 15:5-6 ESV)

**Personal/Small Group Activity**

Answer the Poll Question regarding, "He saves," and then discuss your answer with someone next to you.

When I'm lost, I ask for directions:

- 1) Immediately
- 2) After a few wrong turns
- 3) Immediately

**Large Group Activity** Read Luke Chapter 15

- What jumps out at you?
- Which characters in each parable represent God?
- Which characters represent the "church" in the parables?
- How is truth "God saves" positioned against the truth some reject His salvation held up in this section of Luke's Gospel?
- What is Jesus trying to accomplish by telling the three parables?

**Personal Activity**

Reflect upon your answer to the poll and the word, "Rescuer." Ask yourself:

- Is the truth of God saving me a big deal in my life?
- Does being rescued encourage, protect, and guide my life? How?
- Would people know this about me? How do I live this truth?

Pray silently to God about this... thanking Him, repenting, asking Him for help to be guided, protected, and encouraged by this truth.

**Large Group Activity** Read Luke 1: 67-79

- What jumps out at you?
- Whom is Zechariah describing?
- What are the different references to "He saves?"
- Reflect upon what you/we have in common with Zechariah and the one whom he is describing?

**Large Group Activity** Read Hebrews 2: 5-9, 14-18

- What jumps out at you?
- How is the truth, "He saves," set forth in this section of Hebrews?

**Large Group Activity**

Read Luther's explanation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article in box below. Discuss your answers to the following questions:

- What words/phrases catch your attention today?
- What are the appropriate life choices Luther teaches for we who "believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord?"

**Closing Prayer**

**The Apostle's Creed:** The Head of the Household should teach it in a **simple way** to his household...

**The Second Article: He saves (Rescuer)**

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*