

Core Value #5 - We honor God
by celebrating His Impact on Our Lives

Why do we celebrate? (Luke 15)

- I. We are or were _____ (Luke 15:4a; 8a; 11-13)
- II. God _____ for us (Luke 15:4b; 8b)
(Christ's goal for coming to earth – _____ and
_____ the lost)
- III. God _____ welcomes us home (Luke 15:20b-24)
- IV. God and heaven _____ when the lost are found
(Luke 15:5-7; 9-10; 22-24)
- V. God calls us to _____ with him (Luke
15:25-32)

How do we celebrate? (Matt. 5:3-12)

- I. We are "poor in spirit" (Matt. 5:3)
 - A. We realize we are _____ and cannot
_____ ourselves
 - B. We realize we have _____ to _____
God
 - C. We realize we have _____ to _____
through Christ
- II. We "mourn" (Matt. 5:4)
(We experience _____ sorrow for their sinful
actions which leads to a longing for God's _____
and healing - 2 Cor. 7:10)
- III. We are "meek" (Matt. 5:5)
(We allow ourselves to come under God's _____
so that we may accomplish God's _____)
- IV. We "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matt. 5:6)
We have a desire to:
 - A. be _____
 - B. draw _____ to God
 - C. _____ like Christ
- V. We are "merciful" (Matt. 5:7)
 - A. Forgiving the _____ (Matt. 6:14-15)
 - B. Reaching out to those who are _____ (Ps. 41:1a)
 - C. Reaching out to those in _____ (Prov. 19:17; 14:21)
- VI. We are "pure in heart" (Matt. 5:8)

(With God's help, we become inwardly clean from _____)

VII. We are "peacemakers" (Matt. 5:9)

(Pursuing the _____ despite the risk of tension)

VIII. We are "persecuted because of righteousness" (Matt. 5:10)

What does it mean to be persecuted because of righteousness?

- A. You will be persecuted for _____
- B. You will be persecuted for _____ God's Word
- C. You will be persecuted for _____ in Jesus
- D. You will be persecuted for _____
God's word

Questions to Ponder

- I. What do we have to _____?
- II. Do you _____?