



CELL GROUP MATERIAL

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Lost at Home

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Overview

This sermon draws from Luke 15:8-9, the parable of the lost coin, to challenge believers to examine whether they are truly present in their walk with God or merely physically present in the house of God. The message calls every believer to genuine faith expressed through obedience, active participation, and a surrendered heart.

Key Takeaways

1. It is possible to be physically present in the house of God while being spiritually lost. The coin was not lost in the street -- it was lost at home.
 2. True belief is not passive. Mark 16:17 describes signs that follow those who believe, and those promises belong to every believer, not just church leaders or ministers.
 3. Obedience is what separates a true believer from someone who merely acknowledges God. Even demons believe in Jesus, but they do not obey him.
 4. Faith without action is dead. Jesus is not calling us to simply hear the word, but to live it out.
 5. Your voice, your prayer, and your praise matter in the kingdom of God. No believer is too young, too broken, or too far from God to be used.
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Discussion Questions

Icebreaker Question

Share about a time you lost something valuable. How did you feel, and what did you do to find it?

Section 1: Lost in the House

The sermon said: "You can worship God in his house every week, but still be lost. You might be in the house physically. But your heart may not be in the house."

1. What do you think it looks like practically for someone to be physically present in church but spiritually absent? Have you ever experienced a season like that in your own life?

2. The preacher identified two ways a person can be lost in the house - surrendering to doubt, fear, bitterness, or addiction, and being silent when God calls for a response. Which of these do you find more personally challenging, and why?
 3. In Mark 8:36, Jesus asks what it profits a person to gain the whole world but lose their soul. What are some things in everyday life that can quietly pull our hearts away from God without us even noticing?
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Section 2: The Believer's Authority

Brother Ben said: "It (Mark 16:17-18) does not specify just the preacher. It does not specify just the pastor. It does not specify just the evangelist. If you are a believer, you ought to be laying hands on the sick and seeing them healed."

4. How does it change your perspective to know that the promises in Mark 16:17-18 are addressed to all believers and not just to those in ministry?
 5. The preacher shared that the miracles he witnessed happened when he was simply going as a believer, not as a pastor or preacher. What might be holding you back from stepping into the authority Jesus has given to every believer?
 6. Are there specific needs in your family, your community, or your church where you feel God might be calling you to step up and act in faith?
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Section 3: True Belief and Obedience

Brother Ben said: "Your obedience to God is what really makes you a true believer. Not just what you say. But what you actually do."

7. James 2:19 reminds us that even demons believe in God and tremble. What is the difference between intellectual belief and genuine, saving faith? How do you see that difference playing out in everyday life?
 8. Matthew 7:21-23 is a sobering passage in which Jesus says He will tell some who performed miracles in his name that He never knew them. What does it mean to truly know Jesus, and how does that relationship show itself in how we live?
 9. James 2:17 says faith without action is dead. What is one area of your life where your faith needs to move from belief to action?
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Closing Reflection Question

Brother Ben said: "I don't know how. I don't know when. But I know why. Because we serve a great God."

10. What is one situation in your life right now where you need to trust that God will move, even when you cannot see how or when? Share it with the group so you can pray for one another.
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Practical Applications

Choose one or more of the following to practice this week:

- **Examine your heart.** Set aside fifteen minutes in a quiet place to honestly ask yourself whether your heart is fully in your relationship with God or whether you have drifted. Write down what comes to mind and bring it to God in prayer.
 - **Use your voice.** Identify one moment this week, in a church setting, a small group, or your personal life, where you have been holding back your praise, your prayer, or your service. Commit to stepping into that moment with your whole heart.
 - **Act on your faith.** Identify one person in your life who needs prayer for healing, breakthrough, or salvation. Reach out to them this week and offer to pray with them, trusting that the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you.
 - **Study obedience.** Read James chapter 2 in full this week. As you read, make a list of any areas in your life where you know what God is asking but have not yet obeyed. Bring that list back to your small group or a trusted friend for accountability.
 - **Pray for your nation.** The sermon referenced Proverbs 21:1, which reminds us that the heart of a king is in the hand of the Lord. Commit to praying specifically for your nation and its leaders at least once each day this week, trusting that God holds all authority.
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Closing Prayer Points

Close your cell group time by praying together over the following:

- That every member of the group would be found not just in the house of God, but fully alive in Christ
- That God would stir up the gifts and calling in every believer present

- For specific needs shared during the discussion
- For boldness to obey God in the practical areas discussed
- For revival in your church, your city, and your nation

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