

III. BE **HAPPY** (15:31-32)

“... *Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!*”
Psalm 144:15b

A. The older son was **sad**.

“*I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.”*”
Psalm 122:1

“*31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*”
Ephesians 4:31-32

B. Join the **party**!!

“*Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.*”
Romans 15:7

BRINGER CHALLENGE

Each One Bring One By January One

“*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*”
Matthew 16:18 KJV

BRING

Welcoming The Lost

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INTRODUCTION

A. The purpose of Capital Baptist Church is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.



B. A bringer makes at least one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

“*19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;*”
Matthew 28:19-20a

“*Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*”
Acts 2:41

C. In this series, you will you will learn how to be a bringer by having a heart like God.

Sep 8 Valuing The Lost
Sep 15 Seeking The Lost
Sep 22 Loving The Lost
TODAY Welcoming The Lost
Oct 6 Do You Have A Heart Like God?

This series is based on Luke 15 which is more about the Prodigal God than the prodigal son.

D. **Text:** Luke 15:25-32 (Pew Bible/Pg. 80/New Testament)

HOW TO WELCOME THE LOST

I. BE **HOSPITABLE** (15:25-28)

“Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.” I Peter 4:9

A. The older son was **separated**.

“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.”
John 17:15

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”
Proverbs 18:24

B. Understand the **ministry**!!

“18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
II Corinthians 5:18-21

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”
Galatians 6:1

II. BE **HUMBLE** (15:29-30)

“if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
II Chronicles 7:14

A. The older son was **self righteous**.

“9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

*12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’
13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’*

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
Luke 18:9-14

B. Admit your **depravity**!!

“9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”
I Corinthians 15:9-10

“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

James 5:16