

Sermon Notes

“Lost and Found”

Luke 18:9-14

Big Idea: Our built-in need for approval can only be satisfied when we humbly receive Jesus’ atoning mercy

I. Lost: The Pharisee

When we seek approval through comparison to others, through our accomplishments or our moral character, we miss God’s loving gift of unconditional approval through faith in Christ.

II. Found: The tax collector

Christians have nothing to fear from admitting that we can only find approval through God’s free grace in Christ.

III. The upside-down community

Resting in God’s gracious approval in Christ enables us to overcome judgmentalism and esteem each other as greater than ourselves. This is the root of a thriving Christian community.