

Jesus: Friend of Sinners

Luke 7:31-48

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- A. Jesus intentionally **sought** out the lost and made friends with them.
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- B. Jesus had a personality and love that was **attractive** to lost people.

- C. Jesus' main **critics** were the religious crowd – not the lost crowd.
(v33-34)

- D. Jesus' desire to be “friends of sinners” was in line with his **mission**.
(Luke 19:10)

- E. Will you take the **challenge** to be a friend to sinners? 5 Steps...
 - 1. Do it for the right reason – Jesus **loves** people and so should you.
 - 2. Make intentional **contact** with lost people.
 - 3. Learn to be a **conversationalist**.
 - 4. Plant **Gospel** seeds early.
 - 5. **Reap** the spiritual fruit of making friends and planting Gospel seeds.
 - a. My favorite question, “On a scale of 1 to 10 how **confident** are you about going to heaven?”
 - b. Would you like to know how to make that number a **ten**?
 - c. Is there any reason you would not believe on Jesus and accept his offer of forgiveness and eternal life today?

Decisions for today...

- A. Who will you be a friend to this week? _____.
- B. Have you responded to Jesus' friend **request**?