

Let's suppose you are about to see an R-rated movie, or order an alcoholic drink, or (fill in the blank with something that better applies to you), and a friend showed up who you know has struggled in this area in the past. How could you apply the principles in these verses to that situation?

What would your response be if you knew your friend didn't struggle with this area, but had strong opinions about you and others not being involved in it?

2. We saw in 1 Corinthians 9 how far Paul was willing to go to reach people with the Gospel. His willingness was based on his understanding that people are spiritually lost without Christ. What do we learn about Jesus' attitude about lost people in Matthew 9:35-38?

Read Luke 15:1-10. In this passage, Jesus tells two stories which give us perspective on how God views people who are spiritually lost. As you compare the two stories, what do you notice about spiritually lost people and God's attitude toward them?

What does Luke 19:10 add to your understanding of God's attitude?

3. In the previous question, we looked at the spiritual condition of people who don't know Jesus. In our society, many people consider it to be politically incorrect to say that Jesus is the only solution to the 'lostness' of people who don't have a relationship with Him. How might your coworkers respond if they read the following verses?

John 11:25-26, John 14:6

How can 2 Timothy 2:24-26 help us understand how to share these truths about Jesus with people in a way that is loving?

WRAPPING UP ...

Reflecting on what we studied and discussed based on last Sunday's message, is there a 'grey area' Bob talked about (or one of your own) that you've struggled with by being either too legalistic or allowing yourself too much liberty?

Is there anything related to this struggle that others can pray for you about?

Looking back to this study and looking ahead to the Christmas season, does anyone come to mind that you would like to impact spiritually in taking a step closer to Jesus?

If so, can you think of anything you could do or say that might help that happen? One opportunity for all of us is stepping out of our comfort zone and inviting those we know to our upcoming Christmas Series starting December 6th and especially to our Christmas Eve services.

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Before you wrap up, take a few minutes to share with one another how you benefited from being part of this small group for the past few months. Be sure to pray for each other during the break!