

# PBC Growing in Christ

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# Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of dry grass and brush. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with a gradient from deep blue to orange and yellow near the horizon. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and horizontal arms clearly visible against the sky.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

# Growing in Christ

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- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



# Growing in Christ

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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*





# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

MAY 24, 2020

**Thank Him.** Thank God for His uniqueness and holiness. Thank Him for His incredible power, infinite wisdom, and gracious sustaining work in your life.

**Thank Him.** Only God has the power and wisdom to save you, help you, and sustain you. Consider any areas of life where you might have questioned Him or relied more on yourself. Commit to trusting Him with all your life.

**Be holy.** God is holy, and He calls us to follow Him and be holy as well. Commit to living a life set apart for Him..

# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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**Memorize: 1 Peter 1:15-16:**

**But just as he who called you is holy, so  
be holy in all you do; for it is written:  
“Be holy, because I am holy”.**



# LOST

## Luke 15:11-14, 17-24

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*What was your most memorable experience being lost?*



# Lost

## Luke 15:11-14

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11 Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger son said to his father, ‘Give me now the part of your property that I am supposed to receive someday.’ So the father divided his wealth between his two sons.

13 “A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and left. He traveled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool. 14 After he spent everything he had, there was a terrible famine throughout the country. He was hungry and needed money.





# Lost

## Luke 15:11-14

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What is a parable?

# Parable



- Brief and symmetrical stories. Unnecessary details are left out.
- Leave no room for gray areas.
- The listener is forced to see the truth in concrete rather than abstract pictures.
- The settings in the story are taken from ordinary life.
- Parables ask listeners to make judgments on the events of the story.
- They force the listener to make a decision or come to a moment of truth.
- As a result, listeners must make similar judgments in their own lives.



# Lost

## Luke 15:11-14

**The son request the inheritance do to him**

**Son takes the inheritance and leaves the family**

**Free from family (religion) son could be independent.**

**Son uses all of the money**

**Then a financial storm arises.**



# Lost

## Luke 15:11-14

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How would you describe the younger son's in today's language and culture?

Where do we have choices today to squander what we've been given?

Why would this person choose to leave apart from his family?



# Lost

## Luke 15:11-14

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Why would  
someone choose  
to live apart from  
God?

# Scripture

## Luke 15:17-19

**17**“The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, ‘All my father’s hired workers have plenty of food. But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat. **18**I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. **19**I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.’”



# Lost

## Luke 15:17-19

He came to his senses,  
*which is not repentance*

Gives up his quest of  
independence and  
returned to his father

Admits he has sinned against  
heaven and his father

He would rather be common  
servant to his father.

Repentance requires  
acknowledgement and action

# Scripture

## Luke 15:20-24

**20** So he left and went to his father. “While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming and felt sorry for him. So he ran to him and hugged and kissed him. **21** The son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** “But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and good sandals on his feet. **23** And bring our best calf and kill it so that we can celebrate with plenty to eat. **24** My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!’ So they began to have a party.





# Lost

## Luke 15:20-24

Son rehearsed his speech

The father waited and  
looked for his son

The son's confession was  
not a condition to his  
father's response

**Admits he has sinned against  
heaven and his father**

**He would rather be common  
servant to his father.**

**Repentance requires  
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# Discussion

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- 1. Do you find this verse comforting or challenging?*
- 2. When have you felt that God was unaware or uninvolved in your circumstances?*



# Discussion

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*Good intentions alone will not heal broken relationships.*

*The father launched a full restoration of the relationship without the son completing his proposal*

*Celebration not Regurgitation*



# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

MAY 10, 2020

1. Draw a “map” that reflects how you wandered from God, the point where He found you, and what the journey has looked like since then.
2. Seek God. Perhaps you need to “come home” to God. Confess to God any destructive behaviors or thoughts and come to Christ.
3. Forgive. When was the last time you ran to forgive someone with reckless abandon? Maybe it’s time to forgive even if it seems strange and shocking to everyone else around. Remember to forgive others as God forgives.

# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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**“Lost” doesn't have to define our lives. God will wholeheartedly accept repentant sinners with love and compassion!**



# Resources

Luke 15

[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)



**Next Week: May 31, 2020**

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**1 Corinthians 6:9-20**

**“Growing up, what children’s book was your favorite?”**

**“What’s something unique about you that few others can claim?”**





# God Bless You!

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**Scripture:  
Isaiah 40:29-31**

***29 He gives strength to the faint and strengthens the powerless”.***

***30 Youths may become faint and weary, and young men stumble and fall,***

***31 but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.”***

