Questions from the Sermon
November 29, 2020

1. Growing up, what Christmas tradition do you remember enjoying the most?

2. Today, when you decorate, what is the thing you most look forward to decorating, or what decoration do you most look forward to putting up?
   - What makes it special?

Read Luke 15:1-14

3. Why do you think it was significant who was listening to the parables Jesus taught in this passage?

4. Who do you think in the end were more bothered by Jesus's stories, the 'Notorious Sinners' or the Religious Leaders? Why?

5. What do you think most of the people listening would have thought of the shepherd in the first story?

   -Why do you think there was so much rejoicing when he found the sheep?

   -How would you explain what Jesus means in verse 7? Who are the 'righteous ones who need no repentance?'

6. if you lost a small portion of your money, and then found it, would you be as happy as this woman who lost her coin? Why do you think she called her neighbors to celebrate so much?

7. If you were the Father of the younger son, how would you feel if he asked what this son asked?

   -What do you think your response would be to the son?

8. Why do you think the younger son was so desperate to have his inheritance? He had everything, what made him want to leave?

9. Do you agree that this story is similar to the story in Genesis about Adam & Eve?
   -What do you think is similar?

   -Why in both cases do you think they were so discontent?

   -How do we see that in our lives today?

Read Galatians 4:1-7

10. What do you think Paul means in verse 1? How is an heir like a slave when he is still a child?

11. Who in this illustration would be the guardians and the managers?

12. When you read 'when the fulness of time had come', what do you understand this to mean?

    -how does this impact your view of God?

13. Why does Paul mention being born of a woman and under the law?

    -Why is this so important?

14. When you hear we are sons & daughters, and we are heirs, which of these matters to you the most? Why?