

# Lost

## Fall 2005 Series

### Lost and Angry (Sep 17/18, Beeson)

- Big Idea: Sometimes it's the dog that makes me mad. Sometimes it's my spouse. At other times, I'm really angry at God. What do you do with the feelings of rage that lie within? Does the Bible have anything to say?
- Other Thoughts:
  - Mark shares personal story of being filled with anger and how he gave God the control.
  - *Mark is going to word-smith the summary above.*

### Lost and Lonely (Sep 24/25, Beeson)

- Big Idea: It's easy to feel alone even when you are surrounded by people. Jesus not only comforts the lonely, but also helps us break the cycle of loneliness.
- Other Thoughts:
  - We will have a life-size statue in the middle of the auditorium. It is Jesus in New Testament garb consoling a woman in contemporary clothing. He is holding the baby that she lost and giving her comfort. Mark will use this statue as the major "prop" in making the point that no matter how much you feel alone in your sorrow, Jesus loves you and cares about your pain.
  - This statue will be dedicated later on Sunday afternoon at Manowe.

### Lost and Confused (Oct 1/2 , Lori S)

- Big Idea: Stuff happens. And sometimes it's really hard to work through. What do you do when you have pain in your life, and no matter how hard you pray it doesn't go away? Does God even care?
- Lori's Thoughts:
  - *"I want to use the scripture of Paul and his thorn in the flesh. When there is a pain that is constant and reoccurring that produces immense pain-- how do we handle that pain? With this series idea-- I think I would tie it in to when you feel lost and confused-- not sure what God is doing in the midst of a thorn in our flesh -- how we navigate through that. The scripture is in II Cor. 12: 7 and following."*

### Lost and Afraid (Oct 8/9, Wegner)

- Big Idea: Nearly everyone is afraid of something. Fear of failure. Fear of success. Fear of the future. Fear of death. What is it that gave Jesus the confidence to say to His disciples, "Don't fear"?
- Other thoughts:

### Lost and Ashamed (Oct 15/16, Laurent)

- Big Idea: You've messed up. Sometimes really bad. How do you deal with the shame and rebuild from the pain of letting others down?

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- Other thoughts: *The previous 4 weeks (angry, alone, afraid and confused) are from the angle of something that's been done to me that I'm dealing with. Someone made me mad. Someone left me and so I'm alone. Something happened to me and so I'm afraid. There is pain in my life and so I'm confused. This topic (Ashamed) reverses it and says, "I did something bad...something shameful...something I wished I hadn't done and I'm living with the guilt. I don't know how to go on. I don't know how anyone could love me, much less God who sees all the ugliness of my life." And so on. This could be a really powerful ending to the series.*
  - Waiting for confirmation from Laurent on this title.

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