## Harvest Bible Chapel Small Group Questions August 22, 2010

Simply Saved 4 The ABC's of Salvation 1John 5:13, Luke 15

- 1. The salvation of sinners is the thermostat of the church. Discuss this statement. Why is it true or untrue?
- 2. Read 1John 5:13. God does not want you doubt your salvation if you really are saved but he does want us to examine it so that we can be confident. Why did John write this letter? Is it possible to know that you are saved beyond a shadow of a doubt? What leads to doubt? Do you have a "know so" salvation or a "hope so" salvation?
- 3. Read Luke 19:9-10. What was the primary reason Jesus came from Heaven? Why do you think Jesus used the word "lost" to describe humanity apart from Christ? How does "lost" feel?
- 4. The following verses categorize every individual in one of two categories. Read the verses. Name and discuss the categories. Do you have confidence that you are in the category of the "saved?"
  - Matthew 7-13-14
  - Matthew 7:24-27
  - Matthew 25:2
  - Matthew 24:45-51
  - Matthew 25:14-27
  - Mark 16:15-16
  - 2Corinthians 13:5
- 5. Can you remember a time as a child that you were lost or separated from your parents? How did you feel? How did you feel when you were reunited? How did your parents respond? Compare this with how God must feel when a sinner gets saved.
- 6. In Luke 15, three stories all share the theme of partying when the lost are found. What is this party that Jesus is describing? Are you sure you are going to this party? What did God do to make sure you would not miss the party? Who did God use to invite you to the party and make sure you arrived?
- 7. Describe what you know about heaven. Describe what you know about hell. What do you think each sounds like (Revelation 19:6-7, Matthew 22:13)
- 8. How do you react when you hear of someone who was saved? Do you really rejoice with the knowledge of what has happened?
- 9. What are you doing to ensure that someone you know gets the invitation to the party that will be heaven?