

INVITATIONS

COME.

Come to the God of Life-Change

Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10; 1Timothy 1:12-17

GETTING STARTED

Describe a time (and how you felt) when you experienced *lostness*. Such as:

- Being lost as a child from your parents
- Losing your child in a public setting
- Being lost without directions
- Other?

READ AND REFLECT

Quickly read or review Luke 15.

- What is common to each of the stories?
- Who is the audience around Jesus? What is Jesus trying to convey to his listeners?
- What dimensions does the last story add compared to the others?

How does Psalm 51:1-10 speak to *lostness* (and perhaps being found)? What do you appreciate about David's words, heart, and/or posture before God?

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What is God's answer to our notorious sinfulness?

ENGAGE AND DISCUSS

In Luke 15 we have the parable of TWO lost sons.

- Describe how each son is lost in his own way.
- Which kind of *lostness* have you experienced in your own life?

If someone were to ask you what was so amazing about God's grace, how would you respond from your own story or understanding of grace?

What is the difference between approaching Christianity as a *relationship* vs. a *religion*? How do you see the tension in relationship vs. religion playing itself out in Christianity (the church) today?

If time permits, share how God's grace has called you home from being lost recently in your life.

NEXT STEPS

- What is the invitation for you from these verses and this study?
- Spend time in prayer and reflection examining your own sense of *lostness*? Is God extending the invitation to come home in some way? How?
- Accept the invitation to read the Lectionary passages throughout the week. Listen to both the words you read and to your own soul as you digest these verses.