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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

Growing Stronger...in Love Week 6

Ice-Breaker – Is there anything of value that have you lost or misplaced recently? How did you feel when you found the item that was lost?

What evidence do you see that our nation needs to grow stronger in love? Do you have ideas about how this can happen on a broad scale? How can it happen for you personally?

What is the one big idea that stood out to you from the three stories Jesus told the Pharisees in Luke 15? What was His point?

READ: Luke 15:8-10

What value did the woman place on each coin? Who do the friends and neighbors represent? What can we learn about God from this parable?

What can we learn about God's love for people from this story? How does His love differ from ours?

According to Luke 15:10, how does heaven react when even one sinner repents? How does this make you feel? Have you ever thought about the party they must have thrown in heaven when you came to Christ?

READ Luke 15:11-31

What can we learn about the forgiving love of the father in this story? Are there people you tend to think are less worthy of God's love?

How can you guard yourself against feeling resentment when God shows mercy to people you think don't deserve it?

How can a person put on their Luke 15 lenses and decide to set aside hate and begin to grow stronger in their love for others?

Pastor Steve asked the question, "Who can't you stand?" How did this question make you feel? Do you think it is necessary to answer this question personally? What might our answer reveal?

To what "undeserving" person can you extend God's love and forgiveness this week? How?