

the magnificently mundane.

PART 3: Extra-Ordinary

INTRODUCTION

Jesus had a knack for pointing at everyday objects and using them to explain cosmic-level truths. He constantly pointed at what everyone could see to help them understand what they couldn't. And those seen things were seen all the time by his listeners—taken for granted most days. But now, there was something more to them... way more. What would your life be like if every one of your days was understood as a parable God was using to reveal something more?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What identities do you wear in your day? Are there some that excite you? Which are the most ordinary—same as every other day—identities?
2. If you had to give a percentage of your days that are extraordinary, what would that number be? How do you feel about that? If it's high, what's the secret?
3. Read **Luke 15:1-7**. When you hear about the people Jesus chose to hang out with, does it surprise you? Who would the “notorious sinners” be in our day and age?
4. Why is it so important to understand the “type” of people Jesus associated with?
5. Why does Jesus virtually always use stories to make his point? Why not just tell it how it is? What would you say is his goal?
6. Jesus says, “In the same way...” What do we learn about God and his heart from the story Jesus has just told? What does that truth mean to you personally?
7. What does it look like for you to show up in the ordinary and trust God to shape your story? Do you believe even the most mundane parts of your week can be used to point to our Heavenly Father?

MOVING FORWARD

You are a living parable. In the words of Dallas Willard: *We must accept the circumstances we constantly find ourselves in as the place of God's kingdom and blessing. God has yet to bless anyone except where they actually are.* Consciously search for the magnificent in your mundane this week and then share it with someone else.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

So Jesus told them a story: If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? —Luke 15:3-4

