

The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:4-7)

The shepherd represents: _____
The lost sheep represents: _____

The Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

The woman represents: _____
The lost coin represents: _____

The Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)

The father represents: _____
The lost son represents: _____
The older brother represents: _____

God's passion is to _____ the one who is lost and
_____ them home into His family.

Our hearts need to be aligned with God's heart.

In what ways are my priorities (calendar, relationships, finances) aligned with God's heart? In what way could they be more aligned?

NEXT WEEK: One Gift | Matthew 25:14-30

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1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

As a church, we have been on our One Mission journey of being challenged to reach our "ones" and to make room for more in our church. We have a campaign goal of raising \$1.5 million over the next three years, and Commitment Sunday is this upcoming Sunday, November 10th. Please be praying about how God might be leading you to invest financially over the next three years in this campaign.

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: What is the most valuable thing you have ever lost (Jewelry? Children? it's all on the table...)? Did you ever find it?

HEAD: *These questions help us examine the Word.*

1. Read Luke 15:1-10. What point is Jesus making by telling these first 2 "lost parables"? How do they reveal God's character?
2. Read Luke 15:11-32. How do the characters in this third "lost parable" contrast with the previous two parables? What does this contrast demonstrate?

HEART: *These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.*

3. In what ways could your priorities be better aligned with God's heart for the lost?
4. How can you grow your passion for the lost?

HAND: *These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.*

5. On Sunday, we heard some stories of people in our church who God has used to reach their "ones." For those who heard these stories, did you take away any practical ideas or inspiration for reaching your "one?"
6. On November 10th, our church will be coming together to receive 3-year financial pledges to the One Mission Campaign. How will you be seeking God's leading on what He is calling you to give sacrificially?