

Small Group Guide

Luke 15:1-10

From the sermon - Lost Part I



Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:1-2

Discuss

1. Think of a time when you lost something very valuable to you but found it. How was that search similar to the two parables in Luke 15:1-10. Share this with your group.
2. In these stories there are four groups that rejoice after the lost is found: the shepherds, the village, the lady, and the lady's neighbors. What are the similarities in their rejoicing? What are different reasons each group has for rejoicing?
3. Talk about someone you have led to know the Lord, or known who has been saved that has made you very happy.
4. What were the attitudes of the Pharisees and scribes in this passage? (Luke 15:1-2). How have you had the same attitude towards those who don't claim Jesus as their Savior?
5. Sinners will always act like who they are, as sinners. How can we show love towards those who are lost? Why is it so important that we do this?
6. What is the difference between hanging out with sinners all the time, and eating with sinners some of the time? In other words, how does hanging with sinners all the time affect your life in comparison to just "eating" with them some of the time?

Pray

Pray that God gives you a burden to pursue the lost people in your life, and to love sinners with the kind of love that Jesus has for them.

Do

1. Take some time to pray specifically for several people in your life that need Jesus
2. Do something to show them that you care about them in a very genuine way.
3. Take the step and actually share the love of Jesus and His good news with them.

Next small group meets February 10th