

LEADER NOTES

Important: Start group time going over the guidelines, even if you think you know them all. Define them.

Safe Environment | Confidentiality
Listen | Pause | Silence | No "Cross Talk" | No Fixing | No Rescuing | Sharing
Be Self-Aware | "I" Statements | Conflict

- Jesus uses these stories to show that people who are far from God matter to Him and are worth pursuing. Help your group notice the intentional search in both stories and the joy over one sinner who repents.
- Give your group room to talk honestly about fear, busyness, comfort, or attitudes that keep them from reaching others. Jesus welcomed sinners without joining in their sin, and He calls us to reflect both His compassion and His holiness.
- Encourage each person to name someone and choose a specific step to take this week. Praying, listening, and serving can open opportunities to explain what Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection and invite people to repent and trust Him.
- Help your group consider a prayer walk, neighborhood gathering, or service project that builds relationships within three miles of The MET. Choose one first step, decide who will organize it, and discuss how it can create opportunities to share the gospel.

Assign next week's story

Acts 18:18–28

- Share & record prayer request.
- Ask a volunteer to close in prayer.
- Follow up throughout the week.
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NEXT

“and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ ” Luke 15:6

Topic: Winning Our Backyard - Sharing the Good News of Jesus

Take Away: We follow Jesus by pursuing people who are far from God and sharing the good news with them.

God Stories: A God story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Ice Breaker Question: What is something you lost that you searched for until you found it?

Background: Jesus was traveling through Judea on His final journey toward Jerusalem. The Jews lived under the authority of the Roman Empire, with Roman troops maintaining order creating ongoing tensions. Many Jews struggled under heavy taxation from both Rome and local authorities. Pharisees and scribes emphasized ritual purity and separation from those they considered sinful or unclean. Jesus challenged their self-righteous attitudes. Society was sharply divided between the respected religious elite and groups like tax collectors, sinners, the poor, and other outcasts. These rejected people were gathered around Jesus to hear Him, while the Pharisees and scribes grumbled that He welcomed and ate with sinners...and now the story from God's Word.

This Week's Passage: Luke 15:1-10

Tell the story. Rebuild the story.
Read the story from God's Word

Head Question: Why does Jesus use the stories of the lost sheep and the lost coin to answer the religious leaders' complaint about Him welcoming sinners?

Heart Question: What makes it difficult for you to care about and spend time with people who do not know Jesus?

Hands Questions: Who is one neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member you can intentionally reach out to, and how will you begin a conversation about Jesus?

TUESDAY TAKEAWAYS

October 6 - Preparing Before Group
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