

1. We have a God who ______ in finding ______ things. (Luke 19:10, Ezek 34: 1-11, Psalm 119:176) 2. When we lose sight of the fact we are created in the ______ of God, we will lose our ______. (Psalm 106:20, Isa 40:18, 1Cor 15:49) 3. To return, we must allow ourselves to enter a ______. (John 3:3, Matt 7:8, Matt 11:25, Galatians 4:7, Romans 8:14-17) 4. Both brothers are separated from their father—one by "_____" and one by . (Matt 23:28, Matt 23:13, Mark 7:6, Isa 59:2, 1 John 1:8, Micah 3:4, Romans 6:20) 5. God rejoices when we _____ lost _____ too. (Ezek 34: 1-11, Jer 23: 1-4, Matt 28:19-20, 1 Cor 12:25, 1Pet 4:10) 6. God rejoices when we ______ ourselves to be ______. (Acts 26:14, John 20:27, 2 Cor 6:2, James 4:8)



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- 1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. Do you relate more to the elder brother or the younger brother? In what ways? Why is it easy to slip into these identities?

3. Have you ever been shown something like the father's unconditional love from another person? Share a time when someone's compassion made an impact on your life.

4. "When we lose sight of the fact that we are created in the image of God we will lose our way." Discuss what it means to be created in the image of God, or what the ramifications of our identifying with Christ are, and why this identity is key to a right relationship with our Father.

5. In this text we see Jesus giving clues to the Pharisees about what they should be doing. What types of things do you feel God is calling you (individually) or our church (collectively) to do or be?

