

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE FOUND BY THE MAN WHO IS GOD

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (ESV)

"from now on you will be catching men." Luke 5:10 (ESV)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 (ESV)

"¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." John 10:14-16 (ESV)

"¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'" John 21:15-19 (ESV)

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Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share a high and a low.
- How many of your neighbors do you know?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Luke 15:1-7. Instead of rejoicing in how good we think we are, what does this passage call us to value and celebrate?
- Read Luke 15:8-10. If you had lost 10 days wages, would you search for them? What would you feel before and after finding them?
- Read Luke 15:11-32. Do you see the older son's point? His error?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Use a question from N.T. Wright's "Luke: For Everyone" (pg. 91-95).
- What do the three parables of lost items have in common?
- How might the Parables of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13:44-46) be understood in much the same fashion as the parables in Luke 15?
- What do all of these parables teach us about God? about us?
- When we become disciples of Jesus and His mission becomes ours, what becomes our primary objective? Is it a passive or active mission? What should we be prepared to sacrifice for the mission?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- One of the best ways to live out Jesus' call for us, is to love our actual, literal, next door neighbors. Visit artofneighboring.com and think of one next step that you can take this week.
- Are you helping your church advance the mission of God? What's one thing you can sign up for this week to help out?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- "God, thank you for finding me, laying down your life for me, and welcoming me into your arms. Help me not to be content to receive blessings from you, but to receive more than I could ever imagine by living a life on mission for you. Amen."

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three for 15 minutes:

1. What was a memorable passage from your Life Journal (or other Bible reading plan) reading this past week?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. What good can we do around here (are there any community needs God is calling us to meet)?
4. Pray for one another.