



INTRODUCTION

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- Why do you think stories stick with us more than abstract truth statements?
- When you read the Bible, is it encouraging or unsettling to remember that God works through flawed, ordinary people?

Discussion:

- In Luke 15:1-2, why does it matter that Jesus tells these stories in response to religious people complaining about the kind of people He welcomes?
 - Looking at the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son together, what do these stories teach us about what God is like?
- In the lost son, how do we see two different kinds of lostness: the younger brother's rebellion and the older brother's self-righteousness?
- What does the father's response to both sons teach us about grace?
- Why do you think Jesus leaves the ending open with the older brother?
 - What response is He trying to draw out of us

Be About It:

- Which kind of lostness do you relate to more right now: running from God or staying near Him outwardly while your heart is far from Him?
- Where do you need to receive God's grace instead of trying to prove yourself?
- How should this change the way you see the people around you this week?

Prayer:

- Pray that God would help us see ourselves honestly, receive His grace fully, and reflect His heart toward others.