

Questions for eGroup Discussion

How God Feels About Sinners

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

Describe a time you lost or misplaced something of value to you.

How did you go about searching for it? What was going on inside of you at the time? And what was the outcome?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 15:1-10 aloud two times, in a couple different Bible versions, if possible.

In general, what stands out to you from these verses, or stood out to you from Pastor Alan's message on these verses?

What questions do they raise, surprises do they contain, or personal impact do they have on you?

How would you summarize the main point of these verses in one simple sentence?

Why were the Pharisees so upset at Jesus' relationship with the tax collectors and sinners? (verses 1-2)

How might this perspective creep in today, even among well-meaning Christians?

How does Jesus' use of the word "lost" in these parables reflect the way He truly sees "sinners"?

How does Matthew 9:36 further reflect this viewpoint?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

What do these verses teach us about Jesus' priorities and heart for people?

How might Jesus go about actively pursuing a "lost sinner" today? Be specific.

What's involved in a person being transformed from "lost" to "found?"

What's God's role? What's the individual's role? What's our role as Christ-followers?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

What did you most need to hear or be reminded of this week ... both from the message and your eGroup discussion?

How do you tend to respond to people who are far from God? Do you find yourself intentionally moving towards lost people, or away from them?

Share the name of a lost person in your life you believe the Spirit brought to mind for you this week.

In what ways might God be calling you to address your perspective of them, or level of engagement with them? Explain.

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying specifically for lost people with whom eGroup members are in relationship, or are being prompted to engage with more intentionally. In doing so, pray that God would soften your hearts and transform your outlook on the “sinners” in your life.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

This week's message and eGroup discussion provide a great opportunity for you as a group to refresh the conversation about how you're doing this together and/or as individuals. In response to your time of prayer in “Experience the Spirit,” consider ways you can support one another and provide opportunities to welcome and befriend “sinners” as a part of your group's life and mission.



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