



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

The Greatest / Week 3

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BOTTOM LINE

Loving your life comes from knowing your worth.

SCRIPTURE

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep'" (Luke 15:4-6 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students realize that the more they're able to see themselves the way God sees them, the more they'll understand just how much they're worth.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—it will be tempting to jump in and tell your students how great they are if they're struggling with self-worth. While there's nothing wrong with that, remember to ultimately point them to what God says about their self-worth.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something you remember from childhood that was the Greatest Of All Time (GOAT) in your world? (TV show, toy, movie, etc.) Do you remember the moment it stopped being the greatest?
2. What are some things that can make you feel like the greatest? What are some things that can make you feel like the worst? (Grades, sports, clothes, social media, friends, etc.)
3. Jesus told a story about sheep who tend to make bad decisions and wander off. In what ways are we tempted to let our worth be defined by the things we do or don't do?
4. How does it change the way you think about God to know He runs toward you when you mess up or wander off?
5. You can't love others well if you don't like yourself. Why is it difficult to love others well if you're constantly focused on yourself?
6. How would your everyday life be different if you viewed yourself the way Jesus views you?

TRY THIS

Leaders—this week, encourage your students to write "#1" somewhere on their hand to remind them that they are the ONE God would go after in a herd of 100 sheep.