



DISCUSSION GUIDE

February 19, 2023



GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 15:1-10

1. Do you feel any kind of challenge when you read that “tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to Jesus?” And that He “received them.”

-if you do, share why you do

-anything you want to adjust or change about your life because of reading this about Jesus?

2. Do you, unfortunately, identify with the Pharisees and Scribes who “grumbled” about the tax collectors and sinners?

3. Jesus makes the point, in each of these stories, that it is about the “one.”

-do you ever struggle with the faith that you are personally known and personally loved by God? In other words, do you usually consider yourself just a part of the whole?

4. Tony concluded his sermon with the point that when you see the heart and love of God like this, it should make you more willing (almost automatically willing) to obey the hard words and teachings of Jesus in Luke 14.

-do you get that?

-would you say that is true of you?

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins,[a] if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”