



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ice Breaker:

1. Do you (or did you) have a spiritual mentor? Who was it and what would you say the most important thing they taught you.

2. When was a time when someone showed you deep compassion/love like Jesus?

Read Luke 15

1. Tony said that the ancients referred to this chapter as the "evangelium in evangelio" (the gospel in the gospel)

-what do you think that means?
-can you state the gospel in a sentence?
-go through Luke 15 and pick out the gospel that is in the gospel

2. In Luke 15:1 we read that tax collectors and sinners were "drawing near" to Jesus
-in general, do you think sinners are drawn to Christ-followers today? Why or Why not?
-what sinners are you regularly around? If you are not, why do you think that is?

3. Tony said that Jesus directed these three parables to the Pharisees and Scribes (cf. v.3)
-why did the Pharisees and Scribes need to hear these stories?

4. Spend some time sharing some new commitments to pursue sinners with the love of Jesus, include ideas for this

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, 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."