

Owning Lostness

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Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say? Take some time to look up and read: Luke 10:25-37

1. Describe the differing attitudes and responses toward the wounded man.

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 2. How would you answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?"
- 3. Why is lack of love often easy to justify, even if it isn't right? Give some examples.
- 4. There was a deep hatred between Jews and Samaritans. The Jews saw themselves as pure descendants of Abraham, while the Samaritans were a mixed race produced when Jews from the northern kingdom intermarried with other peoples after Israel's exile. To this law expert, the person least likely to act correctly would be the Samaritan. In fact, he could not bear to say "Samaritan" in answer to Jesus' question. This expert's attitude betrayed his lack of the very thing that he had earlier said the law commanded love.
 - Where and when do you struggle to extend the mercy, love, and kindness of Christ? Why?
- 5. What does it mean to "own the lostness"?
- 6. Think of one aspect about Jesus that you love, and then pray asking that God would let you tell one friend about that one aspect. What aspect comes to mind? Who comes to mind that you can tell?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **