

Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

Who is really at the heart of Jesus? What if He already told us? How might that change how we relate to others far from God?

GETTING STARTED

1. List and discuss some places you might go where you'd find people far from God. Share about the last conversation you had with someone seeking more information about Jesus.

FROM THE SERMON

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what are some of the points, Bible verses, or statements that really stood out to you?
3. Read Luke 19:1-10. Specifically, in what ways did Jesus move closer to Zacchaeus? What was the response of the crowd, and what do you think they failed to understand? How did Zacchaeus demonstrate his repentance? How might you change the way you see and respond to others living in sin?
4. Read Luke 15:1-7; Luke 19:10. Why did the shepherd carry the sheep over his shoulders? Which do you think brings more joy to Jesus: our righteousness or a sinner who comes to new life, and why? How does this parable demonstrate the heart of Jesus?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. What does reconciliation look like to you? Why did God reconcile us to himself (vs. 18-19)? In what ways might you tell your story about Jesus to those far from God?
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit?

NEXT STEPS

7. What will you now do with this new truth or spiritual insight as revealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Take time to pray together.