

Luke 15:1-10 – Bible Study

Opening question:

What was the last thing you lost? How long did it take to find?

Read:

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General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

Context (v 1-2)

1. Thinking about the Pharisee's struggle with the tax collectors and sinners... Can you think of people you struggle with? What needs to happen to help you feel and respond differently to the people you struggle with?
2. Are there ways in which you feel you can sometimes be drawn into thinking and acting like a Pharisee? How can we guard against this?

Our identity (v4, 8)

1. In what ways do you identify with the sheep or coin images that Jesus uses?
2. Do you sometimes feel lost? Discuss this further if you feel able.
3. Can you think of any recent examples of how God has searched for you, and held you, when you have felt lost?

God's heart (v4-5, 8-9)

1. How would you describe "God's heart" to someone who doesn't know him?
2. How easy do you find it to believe God's heart of love towards you? Is this something that you feel regularly?
3. Read Ezekial 34 silently on your own. What stands out to you from this chapter?
4. How are you searching out the lost? What might God be calling you to do, or pray, going forward to further 'search out the lost'?

Heaven's response (v7, 10)

1. How do you feel towards the word "repent"? How would you explain what "repentance" means to someone who is not part of church?
2. Why does heaven rejoice so much over "one sinner who repents"?
3. What is it about repentance that so pleases God?
4. How do we call people to repentance in a way that doesn't sound judgemental?
5. Do you find it easy to rejoice and celebrate?
6. When was the last time you organised a party? (Could you organise a Home Group Christmas party, if you don't have one planned already).