



Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Talk about the last time you lost something - your phone, car keys, homework assignment. How did you feel when it was finally found?

Talk About it!

1. Read **Luke 15:1-7**

- a. What were some of the attitudes and mindsets Jesus was confronting through the story he told? How have you seen any similar mindsets or attitudes in yourself?

2. Read **Luke 15:3-6** (again)

- a. Can you relate to what it is like to be lost? Share about how Jesus came to rescue you when you were lost.
- b. Share about a person in your life or sphere who may be that 'one' right now - who needs to be rescued. Put their name on a post-it and put it on your fridge and commit to praying for them to be loved and saved.

3. In the parable, the shepherd carries the sheep home...

- a. What is the value of the church as a home for the one who is rescued by Jesus? How has the church been such a home to you?

4. Read **Luke 19:10**

- a. How do we as a church join Jesus on His mission?

5. Read **Ephesians 4:1-6**

- a. How does God's perspective of the 'oneness' of his church affect you? Which element of that 'oneness' jumps out at you in a meaningful way and why?
- b. How can you take another step toward actively being part of that 'oneness' in a way that will honor God?



Scripture Reference

LUKE 15:1-7 NLT

1 Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. 2 This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! 3 So Jesus told them this story: 4 “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. 6 When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

LUKE 15:3-6 NLT

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LUKE 19:10 NLT

10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

EPHESIANS 4:1-6 NLT

1 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.