



These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Luke 15:1-10

Have you even noticed that during Jesus' earthly ministry, people were drawn to him? He ate with, welcomed, and befriended sinners. Who does that? Followers of Jesus do! Those who follow Jesus live empathy as modeled by Jesus. This kind of love values lost people. This kind of love seeks the lost with a relentless confidence. This is the kind of love that defines a win as the lost being found. Like the shepherd who lost one of his 100 sheep, the search is on and continues until that lost one is found. We are challenged to look beyond ourselves and see others, not to judge them but to see them as God does. God loves the lost—not some of them, all of them!! As evangelists, we are directed to live love like Jesus. To live and walk with the lost until they have an understanding of Jesus. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God is making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God." Go! Love! Evangelize!

Pray

Jesus, move us beyond our busy self-serving schedules to live your kind of love. Inspire us to step into places and into relationships that make us uncomfortable for you. Give us words to say and actions to take that model your life. Change our hearts to love the lost like you do and celebrate each one who is found.

Getting Started

- In your life, who have you been drawn to and how have they inspired you?
- Tell about the circumstances when you experienced losing something of value. What was the outcome?

Digging Deeper

1. Explain this statement: "Love values lost people in danger more than safe saved people."
2. What experiences have you had in seeing that all things can be done through God?
3. Knowing that God loves lost people, what changes can the church make to communicate this love? Outline changes we can make as individuals to love lost people better.
4. What gifts do you have that can be planted to serve God and communicate his love?
5. When you thinking of an evangelist, what's the first thing that comes to mind? What's God's definition?
6. What steps can you take to be an evangelist?
7. Define EABC (from the back of the weekly message notes). How can knowing this help you lead another to Christ?

Living Jesus

Party! Celebrate!! Heaven does when the lost are found and every time there is a new believer. Having a spirit-lead life will mean moving into areas that make us uncomfortable, where we don't fit in. That's the plan! This will allow God take control and be in charge. We are all qualified to lead others to Jesus to find eternal joy. This is the greatest joy possible. We are all able to love and show empathy like Jesus. Simply do what love does and Live Jesus!