

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, March 13th 2016

The Gospel in Story | The Two Sons (Lk 15)

1. Jesus' three parables increase in magnitude, in terms of percentage. 1 of 100 sheep. 1 of 10 coins and 2 of 2 sons. Mathematically, 1% to 100%. How does knowing God cares for 100% (and not just half or the majority) impact your view of Him?
2. Travis said we all hunger when we are lost, in a distant land or doing our fathers work. What things have you attempted to satisfy that hunger with apart from God? (can be simple things or serious)
3. Have you retained a sense of your own lostness? How has creeping self-righteousness depleted your sense of lostness?
4. How do regular confession and a sense of real personal lostness help reduce the anger and irrationality of self-righteousness?
5. The sin of church people is murmuring - grumbling about how God does things, where leadership is taking them, how other people look or act. What are you tempted to grumble about these days?
6. Travis said God is resolved to seek out lost people, so much that Jesus marched towards the cross on our behalf. How can we be more resolved to, like God, seek out the lost in our community?
7. Consider the lost people of your town, workplace, neighborhoods...Can you picture them in your mind? How much love is in your heart for them?
8. How is God moving you to seek out the lost? How can you embrace them with the same love the father shoes to us?
9. Based on the passage, what are some lessons that Jesus might teach our children about lost people?