

BETTER TOGETHER

DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4 One Over Ninety-Nine

ICEBREAKER:

Who are one or two people that God used to help you know Jesus? How did they help you take a next step towards following Jesus?

BIG IDEA:

Today's big idea: When you lose something of great value, you will go to great lengths to find it. This is what Jesus has done for you – and what we do to join Jesus' mission.

DAILY BIBLE READING (Optional):

Our daily Bible readings prepare us for the message (www.findcommunity.com/biblereading).

> Ezekiel 34:11-16; Isaiah 53:4-6; Luke 15:1-10; Luke 15:11-31; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

> Was there a particular passage that stood out to you?

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-7; Luke 19:10; 1 Corinthians 9:22b

DISCUSSION:

1. Why were the Pharisees muttering and complaining about Jesus in Luke 15:1? Why do you think that this upset them so much?
2. What kind of shepherd leaves the ninety-nine in the open country to go search for the one lost sheep? Jesus would – and He did it for you. How did Jesus pursue you when you were far from God?
3. If you have been saved by Jesus, you now join His mission “to seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10). What stands in your way of fully pursuing Jesus' mission in your life? Fears? Ill equipped? Other priorities? How can you address these obstacles?
4. What happens when the lost sheep is brought home? What does this celebration teach us about the heart of God for people far from Him?

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. Do you identify more with the Pharisees or the “sinners” described in Luke 15:1? Why?
2. Who is one lost sheep in your life who needs to hear about the Savior? What would you sacrifice to help them find their way home to God? When will you go after them?
3. When you greet a new guest on Sunday morning, what do you say to make them feel welcomed? When you look into their eyes and see a need (physical, spiritual, relational, etc.), what can you do or say to help?

Take Time To Pray:

Whether you are in a group or as an individual are you willing to commit to this prayer: “Lord, I want to share your love with one person everyday”? Spend some time praying together about sharing God's love with people.



Daily
Devotion



Prayer



Freedom from
Strongholds



Serve the
Community



Sacrificial
Generosity



Share Your
Story



Celebration