

February 1, 2026

GOD'S HEART

Pastor: [Dana Erickson](#) Scripture: [Luke 15:1-32](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. **Understanding God's Heart:** How does the concept of God's heart for people shape our understanding of our purpose as Christians?
2. **Personal Experience:** Can you share a time when you felt a desperate need to seek out someone who was lost or in need? How did that experience impact you?
3. **Jesus' Example:** In what ways can we emulate Jesus' focus on people in our daily lives? What practical steps can we take?
4. **The Great Commission:** How does viewing the Great Commission as a personal mission statement change your perspective on evangelism?
5. **Relationships with Non-Christians:** Why do you think many long-time Christians have fewer non-Christian friends? What can we do to change this trend?
6. **The Lost and Found Parables:** What do the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin teach us about God's view of those who are lost? How can we apply this lesson in our outreach?
7. **Encouraging Community:** How can our church community better support each other in reaching out to the "ones" in our lives?
8. **Personal Reflection:** Who is one person in your life that God may be asking you to reach out to? What is one step you can take this week?
9. **Love in Action:** How do the commandments to love God and love people intersect in your life? How can you ensure they are both priorities?
10. **Discipleship Journey:** What does it mean to you to be fully mature in Christ, and how can we encourage each other in this journey of discipleship?