

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you?
- What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- **Read Luke 15:1-10.** From these parables, how would you describe what it means to be "lost"? (Try to describe "lost" without using the words "sin" or "sinner.")
- The Pharisees grumble (v. 2) when they see who is around Jesus' table. Why do you think they are grumbling?
- What are some ways church people today are like the Pharisees here?
- When the shepherd and woman notice their items missing, what does their reaction tell you about the missing item?
- If both the shepherd and woman represent God, what does this tell you about God's character?
- How are God's thoughts and reactions different from those of the Pharisees?
- **Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4 and 2 Timothy 2:24-26.** What do these verses reveal about God? His desires and His power?
- What is our divine imperative according to **1 Timothy 2:1**? What about **2 Timothy 2:24-25**? Why are we to do these things?
- Who is one person who is close to you, but far from God? Commit to pray for him/her every day for a week.
- **Watch this Youtube video by scanning the QR code here for a simple way to share the Gospel.** Practice it on your own or with your group.
- Write one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step in order to help you?



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Philippians 1. How would you explain the verse "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (v 21) to someone who doesn't know Jesus yet?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- What is the best news you ever received? What did you do when you heard it?
- **Read Luke 15:1-10.** What do you think these verses mean when they talk about being "lost"?
- What did the shepherd and woman do when they found their lost items? Neither item was really worth very much money, so why do you think they celebrated so much?
- What do these verses tell you about what's important to God and the angels?
- The word "repent" in these verses mean to change your mind. What are the sinners changing their mind about?
- If Jesus is so good, why do you think it's so hard to tell other people about Him?
- If you were going to tell a friend about Jesus, what would you say?
- **As a family scan the QR code on the other side of this sheet and watch the video about the 3 circles, then try to draw and retell the story of the 3 circles.**
- Who is one person who is close to you, but far from God? Have each person share one name and commit to praying every day for each name
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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