



Our Attitude Towards the LOST

Luke 15:1-2

*“For the Son of Man
came to seek and to
save what was lost.”*

Luke 19:10

PRAY

- Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises
- Open with a time of prayer giving thanks to God

OPEN

- Do you have a good sense of direction, or do you easily get lost when traveling?
- Share about a time in your life when you got lost traveling—where were you and how did you find your way to your destination?
- When you get lost do you stop and ask for directions?

READ

- Luke 15:1-2

REFLECT

There are three primary actions in these two verses: gathering, grumbling, and eating. Reflect on these three actions and the persons involved.

- What would motivate tax collectors and “sinners” to **gather** around Jesus?
- What motivates the Pharisees and teachers of the law to **grumble** and “mutter”?
- Why do you think Jesus’ **eating** with sinners and tax collectors is such important detail?

DISCUSS

SIGNS!

What is your attitude towards the LOST? Is it the same as God's?

Let's learn about the SIGNS that God shows towards LOST people so that they can FIND hope, love, and life eternal! Let's follow the SIGNS...

1st Sign: "God Loves You Just As You Are"

Read the following verses:

- Matthew 11:28; Isaiah 55:1; Revelations 22:17b
- What do these three passages teach us about God's unconditional love and care for us?
- What specific insights do these passages teach us about our attitude towards lost people?
- What else do these passages (and Pastor John's sermon) teach us about the sign of God's love to lost people?

2nd Sign: "Second Chances Happen With God"

Read the following verses:

- Isaiah 1:18; Psalm 103:12; Romans 5:20; Ephesians 2:4-5
- What do these passages (and the sermon) teach us about the hope of second chances?
- How is the sign of forgiveness and "second chances" evident in your attitude towards people? How is it evident in your group? How is it evident in our Church?

3rd Sign: "You Matter to God"

Read the following passage:

- Romans 5:6
- What does this passage teach us about our attitude towards lost people?
- In what specific ways can you, your group, and our Church be a SIGN to lost people that they matter? (Be as specific as you can)

CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Pray that you and your group would be SIGNS this week
- Pray for lost family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers