Small group optional guide: Luke 15 Lost sheep

## <u>UP; we grow in our love for Jesus through His word and worship</u> WORD:

Luke 15:1-7 lost sheep; this story tests and challenges our view on the Father's love

There are times when the kingdom comes that everyone is drawn; the worst sinners, the greatest critics, the seekers, the believers...this is the scene in Luke 15.

Jesus uses a very contemporary example; shepherd and sheep...and calls them all, us all...sheep. (Lost, weak, tired)

- the shepherd leaves the 99 to go for the one, huge risk, in open country
- > We all assume we are the 99, but we are the 1 that is lost
- None of us would risk the 99 for the 1, but this shepherd did

Ephesians 2:1-6 But God!! (We are the lost sheep, unable to get back!)

Q) Are you starting to see that this is your Heavenly Father! It's how he loves you.

have you encountered this good shepherd Do you know the Fathers love like this?!

When we see how far the love of God will go, we can disbelieve because we couldn't love like that!

Isaiah 53:6 we all like sheep have gone astray

- > all the 99 get lost
- It was the one sheep, the lamb who saved us all, who took all our sin, all that separated us and made a way

#### Word continued...

God loves you, he will keep pursuing you.

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Nelson Mandela; it always seems impossible until it's done (some adventures can sound reckless)

"Christianity is a religion of the heart" Jonathan Edwards

Respond: perhaps play "reckless love" and send time letting the Father's love meet with you, then pray for each other to know the Father's love.

<u>WORSHIP songs:</u> Graves Into Gardens / Great Are You Lord / Great Things / King Of Kings / Good Good Father Reckless Love

#### IN; we connect and learn to love one another

Heather; Acts 12:5 power of prayer! Raise our expectation of what we believe God can do!!

Zoe: Ephesians 1 it was his pleasure to save you and add you to his family, be confident in this!

Ricky: a thousand stories of what we think you're like; exodus 3 I am who I am (a rescuer)

Mike Webber led us to respond for healing; especially acid reflux (that Matt Hoyes has now been free from for 6 weeks!)

OUT: we look to pray, witness and serve: 2 huge opportunities over the next few weeks:





#### **STEPS**

- 1. Pray about who you would like to invite
- 2. Scan QR Code
- Copy and Paste link to event page
- 4. Send to the person you would like to invite

### **SCAN CODE**

If you would like to add a message, maybe say something like this:

Hi \_\_\_\_\_\_, I was just praying and your name came to my mind. I'd love to invite you to come to an Alpha Course that is being held at JCC. It starts this Wednesday 8-9pm. It would be so good to have you there. I will send the link to sign up!

https://jcceq.churchsuite.com/events/wsnmbloo

# May Fayre serving team Monday 6/5 Displaying the field hospital side of JCC social action charities support groups faith & prayer Sign up serve for 1 hour 7:30am - 4:30pm

We will be setting up 2 stalls, side by side, as part of the East Grinstead May Fayre aiming to display the field hospital here at Jubilee Community Centre.

The aim of this sign up page is that each 1 hour slot will have 6 people book in, 3 per stall, so that we are able to share the call to let our light shine in this town.