

Secret Ingredients: Luke 15:1-10

Secret #2: Be Missional

As Christians, our **conservative morals** should never prevent us from **liberal love**. Jesus wants us to adopt a framework by which our convictions motivate us to **mission**.

Jesus recognizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of 'the lost' and takes the \_\_\_\_\_ to seek restoration!

Jesus recognizes the **cost** of restoration and \_\_\_\_\_ in relationships.

Jesus recognizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of community and \_\_\_\_\_ outsiders in.

Owning the mission – Jesus is essentially saying: The shepherd sought the lost. I seek the lost and so should you!

Followers of Jesus take the **initiative** to **invest** in relationships and **invite** outsiders into community. How can we effectively reach our friends with the good news of Jesus?

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## Life Group Study Guide

**This week, before you go to your Life Group:**

Read Luke 15:1-10. What questions do you have? How would you summarize this passage in your own words?

### Life Group Discussion Questions:

Read the parable in Luke 15:1-7. Why would the Pharisees and Scribes grumble about Jesus eating with certain people? What is the problem that Jesus is trying to address with this parable?

What are some of the ways that our beliefs can create barriers between us and people who are different from us? What are some types of people who are often made to feel unwelcome at church? Why do you think that tension exists?

Pick out the key words and ideas in this parable. Discuss the aspects or words that are repeated. How do these concepts help to understand the parable? What do you learn in this passage about the shepherd? Who do you think the shepherd is supposed to represent? In your own words, summarize the parable in one sentence.

What do you think this parable can teach us about (a) God's heart and (b) how he wants his followers to treat outsiders?

Discuss the following quote from Jeff Vanderstelt: "Too often, groups primarily talk about being on mission, but then the members leave the group meeting and find themselves alone on mission. As a result, many don't engage in mission, or if they do, they are lonely missionaries." Have you ever experienced this?

How could your group plan to reach out to a group of people and share Jesus with them, *together*? Brainstorm about who God might be putting on your heart to invite, serve and share with. Come up with some ideas about how you could collectively create an environment to intentionally love and witness as a group. Over the coming weeks we will continue to encourage you to plan and execute your mission!