

FOR THE ONE
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the
questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.
Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Galatians 6:1-3

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are spiritual should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

If you think you are too important to stoop down to help another, you are living in deception.

Luke 15:1-3

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people— even eating with them! So Jesus told them this story (parable):

Luke 15:4-7

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness

and go to search **FOR THE ONE** that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"

Isaiah 53:1

*We **all like sheep** have gone astray and each has gone their own way.*

1. JESUS SEEKS / SEARCHES

Luke 15:4

Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search **FOR THE ONE** that is lost **until he finds it?**

2. JESUS SAVES / RESCUES

Luke 15:5 (TPT)

He didn't stop until he finally found it. With exuberant joy he raised it up and placed it on his shoulders, carrying it back with cheerful delight!

<p>RELIGION SAYS "WALK BACK". GRACE SAYS "I'LL CARRY YOU BACK HOME"</p>
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3. JESUS CELEBRATES

Luke 15:6-7

When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' In

the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

FOR MONDAY / APPLICATION POINTS—

1. Begin asking God who in your world is “the one” and commit to praying for their return.
2. Invite someone to coffee or small group this week.
3. Send an invitation for church
4. Encourage those in your circle to take the next step: Discover, Groups, Baptism, Serving.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. When have you, or someone close to you, ran from God, only to be found by Him in the midst of it? In what ways did He speak to you? How did He get your attention and embrace you?
2. Has there been a time that you needed to be rescued (physically, mentally, or spiritually)? Who helped you? How did that make you feel?
3. Who in your circle needs to be looked after or searched for? How are you connecting with them? Who are you in their story?
4. What are some practical ways we can help “carry” those around us back home?
5. How can you celebrate someone's homecoming or reconnecting? What does that look like in your circle?