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Go Deep Study Guide

The Heart of God

Luke 15:1-32

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read [Luke 15:1-32](#). Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

What stands out to you in our passage? Is there anything that you find troubling? Share your observations

If you're honest, who do you identify with in our text today? Why?

What similarities do you see between the 3 stories? In your opinion, what does this teach us? What can we learn from this?

How was Jesus' teaching in these stories counter-cultural? How did His teaching contradict the teaching of the religious leaders of the day?

What lessons can we learn from God's relentless pursuit of those who are lost? Describe all of the people and things that are lost in our passage.

What did the woman's silver coin probably represent (both in terms of worth and sentimental value)? How does this heighten our understanding of her concern to find it?

In your opinion, do we celebrate/rejoice as extended communities today in the same way that we read about biblical communities celebrating? What are the differences? What could be done about this?

Do you believe that we celebrate repentance and salvation as much as we should today?

Describe a time in your life when circumstances caused you to "**come to your senses.**"

What are some practical ways that we can enjoy more of God's abundance right now?

Application

What's holding you back from receiving God's love today? What can you do to change this?

Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to prayer@cbcventura.org

