



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

On average, how many times a week do you lose your car keys?

Do you have a story of a time were you lost something significant? Tell the group what you lost and the search process you went through to find it.

MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin taught about the parable of the Lost Sheep.

Read Luke 15:1-7 to refresh your memory of this parable.

1. What takeaways do you have from this parable?

When we hear the word “lost,” we probably think of a few ways to define the word. One way is when we lose an object or something that we can’t find.



If you grew up in church, you’ve likely heard the term “lost” as it pertains to people who do not know Jesus. The term “lost” has become derogatory to some and could have a negative connotation to it. But Jesus never intended for the term “lost” to be interpreted that way.

This week, Pastor Kevin said, “For something to be lost, it must be valued.” When we are far from God, we are lost but being lost also means we are loved, chosen, treasured and valuable to Jesus. What God cares about most is lost people because of the value God places on us.

2. Do you feel valued, sought after and/or chosen by God? If not, what keeps you from feeling this way?

God will search for us infinitely. He is always pursuing us, always looking to have relationship with us. His love for us is deep and never ending. He values us so much that He will continue to search for us as long as it takes for us to connect with Him.



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3. How did your relationship with Jesus start? If you are still thinking about a relationship with Him - that's okay. What has that process looked like for you?

Why do you think He created us? To have a relationship with Him.

Jesus came to this earth for us. He spent time with everyone. Jesus chose to spend time with those who were far from Him and were outcasts in society. But he knew the ones least cared for and the ones who battled shame, needed Him to restore their hurts, heal their wounds and move their hearts to be open to Him.

If you've been in the church long enough, you have heard that Jesus came to save us from our sin. This is true, but Jesus wants us to know He can do more than just save us from the hard times of this world. He wants to be our friend...a friend that doesn't judge, always listens, is available at ALL times to show us His love and that offers a way that is much better than our own.

His love is so infinite, and NOTHING can keep you from His love. He wants to be next to you, showing you love. He took all the guilt and shame with Him to the cross so you do not have to feel that way anymore.

4. Is there something in your life that you have felt guilt and shame about that keeps you from fully walking in relationship with Jesus? If so, this is a safe place for you to talk about it, that you can feel support from and that will pray for you to feel His love.

God values us so much that He will never stop searching for us. He will always be there waiting for us. We may feel guilt and shame from the things we have done and we may want to hide, but God sees us in our darkest hiding places and wants to restore us to Him.

Read Hebrews 12:2 -Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus took our shame, guilt and sin to the cross. There is no need to punish ourselves anymore because when He went to the cross, He took the punishment for us.

5. In what area of your life do you need to stop shaming and punishing yourself and let God take it from you? What keeps you from giving it to God?

Every one of us matter to God. We are valued by God, even if we have drifted from Him. He will never stop



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searching for us because we mean so much to Him. He celebrates when we find Him.

God is so excited when we find Him. When we do find Him, He wants us to tell others about His love for them.

6. When is the last time you told someone about Jesus? What keeps you from telling others about Him?

God wants us to have the peace He brings in our lives and wants us to share that with others. If you have been lost and need to come back to Him, He is waiting for you, all you have to do is tell Him you need Him.

When we repent and turn back to Him, God wants us to share about our experience with others, so they can also find Him. He wants us to love and serve others, and to share what He has done in our lives with them.

7. Who in your life needs to hear about the love of Jesus? How can you share Jesus with them?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, we've all been lost at some point in our lives. Thank you for continually searching, valuing and celebrating us when we find you. If we are still looking for other things to fill us, awaken us to them. Help us find you and feel the burdens of shame and guilt lifted from our lives. Soften our hearts to be praying for those who don't know you and need to be awakened by you. In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

If you need God to free you from shame, ask Him to do that and to fill you with His peace and love. Share with another group member about that prayer and continue to pray for each other this week.

Pray and ask God who in your life needs to find Him. Pray for them over the next 3 weeks as we continue this series, "Awaken."

If you have a list of names from the "Awaken" packet, take a few minutes to pray for those people on your list! If you need more information about the "Awaken" packet, visit www.awakennashville.com to download your digital copy.

