



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

What is the longest amount of time that you've looked for something you had recently lost?

When you found it, how did you respond?

How would you respond if someone lost something of importance to you?



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The last few weeks Pastor Kevin has been talking about the parables of the lost son and the lost coin.

1. What is one thing that you connected with from Sunday's message?

For something to be lost, it must first be valued. If you lost a sock, you wouldn't look too hard for it. But if you lost your car keys, you would look until you find them because you need them. The more you value something, the more intensely you look for it.

It's easy to see what someone values because it's evident in their lives. They talk about it, they document about it on social media; they invest their time and money in it.

2. If someone were to look at your life, what would they say you value most?

When we lose our values, we lose our way. When we stop valuing ourselves, we stop valuing others.



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3. What do you need to value more of in your life right now?

4. Who do you need to value more in your life right now?

In Matthew 22: 15 - 22, we are reminded about the value placed upon people. During this time, the political climate was oppressive and the tax collectors and governing officials were not liked. People quit valuing each other based on what they believed and who they followed politically.

As we read in the scripture, we see the Pharisees trying to trick Jesus into not paying taxes because of the image on the coin being the image of Caesar. The Pharisees did not want to value Caesar over other things. But Jesus knew their evil intent and told them to give back to Caesar what is his and give to God what is His.

In this illustration, Jesus was saying we are made in God's image, He values us above everything else. We should give ourselves back to God. He values us so much, He let His son go to the cross so we could have a relationship with Him. You are worth Jesus to God.

5. Do you see the value God has placed upon you?

6. How do you feel valued by Him?

God wants us to know how valuable we are to Him. Jesus told another parable about value to His followers in Luke.

Read Luke 15:8-10.





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In this parable, Jesus talks about a lost coin. In today's world, a lost coin would just be a lost coin. We would probably move past it because the value isn't as significant to us. But back then, the lost coin had significant value. This coin was one of 10 that represented her commitment and a representation of her marriage.

We see the woman searching the whole house for this coin. She is determined to find it and when she does there is much rejoicing.

Jesus told this parable for us to understand the value of the coin is related to the value God has placed on us. When we are far from God, He never stops searching for us, like the woman never stopped searching for the coin. He wants to find us for us to be in a relationship with Him.

7. Have you felt God searching for you at times in your life? Explain.

God does not want us to hide from Him, He wants us to be found. When we are found, there is much rejoicing. Much like the woman who lost the coin in the parable, there is a celebration when we are found in Jesus. He throws a party!

8. Do you celebrate when someone finds a relationship with Jesus? Why or why not?

The last two weeks we've been praying for those in our city, friends and family members who don't know Jesus. Every time one of them finds Jesus, He celebrates. Just like He celebrates when you are in relationship with Him.

9. Who do you need to pray for to find a relationship with God?





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PRAYER

Thank you God, for valuing us above all other things and for celebrating us in our relationship with you. Help us find our value in you and not other people or things where the value can waiver. Help our friends, family members and the city of Nashville find their value in you. Guide our thoughts, prayers and actions to hear from you and to be used by you, to show them your love and value. Let us feel your love and value this week as we continue to pray for our city, our friends, neighbors and family members. In Jesus name, Amen.

Take this time to pray for your Awaken packet members as well - that they will feel the value that God has placed upon them as His child.

ACTION STEP

This week read some scripture about your value in God. You can write them down and meditate on them, pray them over yourself and others who need need to be reminded of their value.

When we value ourselves and know who we are in God, we value others and want them to find their value in God.

Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremiah 31:3

Romans 5:8

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 John 3:1

Ephesians 2:4-7

This week continue to pray for the Awaken list of individuals to find their value in God as well as praying the daily prayer prompts over them.