

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 28, 2024

### Worship in The Preaching of Scripture

Series: Faith on the Move

Sermon: Church Planting for the Joy of It

Scripture: [Luke 15:1-10](#)

### Upcoming Passages

May 5 - Joshua 1 & 21:14-28

May 12 - Psalm 131

May 19 - Isaiah 26:3

May 26 - James 5:7-8

### GATHER

**Icebreaker:** When in your life have you experienced some of your moments of deepest joy? What was it that made that experience so joyful?

### GROW

Read **Luke 15:1-10** and discuss the following:

1. How do verses 1-2 help explain the purpose of Jesus's two parables?
2. In these two parables, who has joy and why?
3. If Jesus is the one who ultimately seeks out the lost sheep and the lost coin, what did this seeking look like in his earthly ministry?
4. In verses 1-2, Jesus is said to "receive" or welcome sinners, to "eat" with them, and they're said to "hear him." Why do you think Christians today (rightly or wrongly) are so rarely perceived as welcoming?

### Go

5. How can you be more welcoming to those who might be on the fringes of, or outside, the church? What would this look like (a) In your personal life? (b) On a Sunday morning? (c) In your small group?
6. What would it look like to intentionally realign your priorities to make more time to regularly eat with people who don't know Christ? How could you make this a spiritual habit?

**Parent Cue:** These questions are designed to help parents engage their students with what they heard during Sunday morning's message whenever and wherever the Spirit would allow. Their purpose is not primarily for formation or even correction, but for a holy curiosity to learn what is going on in the hearts and minds of our students as they hear God's word.

1. **Icebreaker:** When in your life have you experienced some of your moments of deepest joy? What was it that made that experience so joyful?
2. Heart question: Why do you think Christians today (rightly or wrongly) are so rarely perceived as welcoming?
3. Head question: How do verses 1-2 help explain the purpose of Jesus's two parables?
4. Hands question: How can you be more welcoming to those who might be on the fringes of, or outside, the church and Christian community?