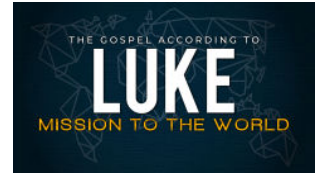


# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus challenges the religious leaders' contempt for sinners by telling them parables that illustrate the grace of God, His pursuit of sinners, and His joy at their repentance.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. What was the Pharisees' and scribes' objection to Jesus' ministry (verses 1-2)? Why were tax collectors especially hated during that time? Why did Jesus spend time with sinners?
2. What does grumbling reveal about one's heart, and what is the remedy?
3. Does our life and testimony draw the kind of people Jesus attracted or only those who are like-minded?
4. Explain how Jesus' parable of the lost sheep is an indictment against the religious leaders of his day (verses 3-6). How do we act like them?
5. What does this parable reveal about the heart of Jesus?
6. What does the woman in the second parable typify about the nature of God (verses 8-10)?
7. Discuss how these parables symbolize salvation.
8. What brings God joy (verses 6-7, 9-10)? Does this motivate you to repent of your sin and shame rather than keep it hidden? Does this encourage you to share the gospel with others?
9. What is repentance (intellectual, emotional, volition)?