



Week Eight: All for One – Study Guide

July 26, 2014

People matter to God. Because we matter to Him, He pursues us, and celebrates when we come home. If we take the time to recognize our value to Him, and understand that others are as valuable as ourselves, we can love each other that much also.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) Have you ever lost something valuable to you? What did you lose? Did you ever find it? Either way, what's your response been thus far?

Into the Bible

- 2) Without **Luke 15:1-3**, the rest of the chapter makes little sense. What is Luke telling us here? Why is it key to understanding the following parables?

- 3) What's remarkable about the parables in **Luke 15:4-10** is how common sense and unsurprising they are. Why might Jesus have told two similar parables back to back? Do you notice any differences in the two?

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- 4) In these two parables, who do the lost sheep and lost coin represent? Why do these parables give hope?

How Does This Apply?

- 5) How much value do you place on lost people? If you say you value lost people, do you have the urgency to reach them for Christ? Why or why not?

- 6) In what ways are you like the lost sheep and coin? In what way are you like widow?

Take Action

As summer ends and school starts back, we want to make sure that the kids we've been serving lunch to, and making friends with, have the right school supplies as they head back to class. To be a part of making this happen, pick up an empty backpack and a school supply list during any Cove weekly service, fill the backpack with the supplies listed, and return it back by August 17. These bags with supplies will be given to kids during our last Go Bananas Neighborhood Cookouts.

If you haven't yet joined a Go Bananas team, it's still not too late! We're hosting lunches and cookouts throughout August. Find out more about where and how you can serve at www.covechurch.org/gobananas.



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Continue Learning on Your Own

- 7) Jesus frequently taught using twin parables, two similar parables back to back that taught the same big idea. The parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin is one of many examples. What's unique about this collection of parables is that it's followed by an example story, the prodigal son. An example story is a much more detailed and developed parable with far more character interaction. The good Samaritan is another example of an example story. What are some more twin parables in Luke? What is the benefit of including an example story to finish the teaching moment?