



August 6 – 12

More Than | The Lost Sheep

Icebreaker: Share a time when you were lost. How did you feel? How were you found?
OR Share about something you lost for a time and were relieved to find.

Read Matthew 18:12-14

- Who is Jesus talking to? Why did this topic come up in the first place? (see vs 1-4)
- The disciples are asking about greatness in God's kingdom. Why does Jesus bring up entry into the kingdom?
- What is the job of a shepherd?
- Does it make sense to leave behind 99 safe sheep to go after 1?
- What dangers might a straying sheep face in ancient Israel?
- What does it mean for a person to be astray?
- When you were not following Jesus, were you aware you were spiritually lost? How did you become aware you were spiritually lost?
- Read John 10:7-14. What else do we learn about Jesus as the good shepherd?
- Looking back to the time Jesus saved you, what did he do to pursue you? Did he use circumstances or other people? Did he use the Bible or different types of media?
- What is the source of rejoicing in this passage? Why would the shepherd rejoice over a recovered sheep more than the others?
- What do we learn about the will of the Father in verse 14?
- How does it make you feel to understand that God specifically pursued you to save you? How does it make you feel knowing he rejoices over rescuing you?
- What is our role in God's pursuit of the lost? What distracts us from this focus?
- How does this passage give us hope for the people in our lives who are still lost?

PRAYER



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