



Value
January 30, 2022
Luke 15:1-10

Connect

- When have you felt most valued in your life? Why do you think that is? Describe how that felt.
- Do you feel like you've discovered your life's purpose? If so, what is it? If not, how are you searching for it?

Engage

- Read *Luke 15:1-10*. These two famous examples pave the way for the most famous story in Luke's Gospel – the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Look at these two examples alone. How do they strike you? What is Jesus trying to convey?
- The Pharisees (*think dedicated church people and educated scholars*), are struggling with the kinds of people Jesus seems to be drawing to the movement. Why does this make the Pharisees uncomfortable? Name a modern day example of this? Do you find yourself more like the Pharisees or an outsider being invited in?
- As Jesus shares the story of the lost sheep, notice that he doesn't say how or why the sheep is lost. He didn't blame the sheep or accuse the sheep of drifting or rebelling – simply lost. What does this say about how Jesus views us?
- Do you find the struggle to recognize the value in all other people has to do with our own struggle to see ourselves as valuable? Or are we simply judgmental of others? Or... something else? Discuss.

Next Steps

- Start each day with a prayer of gratitude for being found, being welcomed, being valued and created with purpose, on purpose. Claim your own value and seek ways to add value to others lives as well. Make it a goal to add value each day by doing a kindness of some kind. Your value-adding effort will certainly inspire others to do the same. Imagine a movement of kindness taking over our city and beyond!

Pray

- *“As you seek out the lost, even the lone wanderer, Lord, we thank you for your example. When we de-value others, or even ourselves, help us to remember our value; how you see us as worthy of an all out quest to find us and bring us home. Thank you, Lord. Amen.”*