

LEADERSHIP COACHING: BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Discipleship Phrase: I can trust God.

Big Idea for Series: Discovering God's character & plan through the Minor Prophets.

Abiding [grow as a disciple yourself]

This week the focus is on God's heart to restore and redeem that which was lost, no matter how far gone we believe we are. Spend some time thinking about the areas of your life in which you were lost and needed Jesus to carry you home. Where do you honestly still need that? Be ready to share.

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

Seasoned leaders may be tempted to overlook the leader page thinking, "I got this..." or "this isn't my first rodeo..." While it might not be your first-time leading group, the leader page is still very helpful in preparing for your group. A large part of leading well is preparing well. The Abiding section provides personal context for the week. The Leading section targets personal development as a leader. The Shepherding section promotes intentional care for your flock. Set any pride aside and make it a habit to *prepare well* every week by reading the leader page. *Remember, every group deserves a great group leader!*

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

Did you know there are multiple levels of transparency? There are things that one can share with the entire group which are transparent. Then there are things that can only be shared with just a few within group. Then there are just some things that are best shared in a one on one setting with a single group member. Jesus had the 12, the disciples. He also had the 3, Peter, James, & John). Yet, He also had the 1, Peter. Make it a priority to frequently have coffee or lunch in some one on one settings. Be intentional in those conversations, using that time with their spiritual growth in mind.

Background Plus® [a deeper dive into the context of this week's story]

- This chapter has 3, "lost-and-found" parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.
- Lost, found, and rejoice are 3 words that summarize this chapter.
- The Bible Project - [Luke](#)

All Church [know what's happening]



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WEEK 6 TOPIC: GOD'S HEART TO RESTORE

WEEK 6 TAKEAWAY: GOD CAN REDEEM ME NO MATTER HOW FAR GONE I AM

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

Review the Guidelines [Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time]

Review Last Week [A follow up to last week's takeaway]

Was anyone able to share last week's truth with someone in their "*language*"? [Follow up for accountability]

Ask A Hook Question [A thought provoking question to get the group focused]

As a kid, did you ever *get lost* somewhere, and what do you remember most about that experience?

Share Background for the Story [A thought provoking question to get the group focused]

Jewish leaders did not understand that Jesus came to "seek and to save those who are *lost*." Jesus often spoke in parables when addressing accusations of the Pharisees. Parables are stories that have spiritual or moral teachings. This one is about the shepherd's love for his sheep. As a side note, one of the practices of shepherds when training a lamb that continually strayed and did not stay with the flock was to purposefully break the leg of the baby lamb. He would set and splint the leg and then would put the lamb around his neck and hold that lamb close until the leg was healed.

Share the Story: [Luke 15:1-7](#)

Rebuild the Story [An invitation for all in group to engage]

Read from Scripture [Read out loud to see if anything was added or omitted]

Discussion Questions: [An opportunity for the group to dive beyond the surface]

1. What responses are found in this parable when the "lost" becomes found?
2. Before heaven rejoiced in what was found, what did the "lost" have to do? (see verse 7)
3. Share how you've strayed away, gotten lost, and are currently in need of Jesus to carry you home? Or how you gotten your "*leg broken*" in order to be closer?
4. The shepherd joyfully carries you home and heaven is happy. What does that say about God/Jesus?
5. God will do His part; *our part* is to return. Spend time in silent prayer repenting & returning (10 mins).

Assign Next Week's Passage: [Jonah 1 & 2](#) [Ask for someone to take chapter 1 & another to take chapter 2]

Prayer Requests [Share with group & follow up throughout the week]

Closing Prayer [Ask openly for a volunteer]
