

Foundations

Lost People Matter to God

Luke 15:1-24

Launch

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? If so, what were they?

Explore

Read the passage

Why did Jesus tell these three parables?

What do all three have in common? In what ways are they different?

What do these three stories teach about God's priorities?

Apply

How does viewing non-Christians as "lost" differ from viewing them as "enemy" or "outsider"?

If these parables are viewed through the lens of oikos, what do they teach us about our personal responsibility, urgency, and sacrifice in reaching lost people?

If someone in your oikos asked you, "How can I become a Christian?" and you couldn't refer them to a pastor, what would you say?

Pray

Pray that, in the midst of mission expansion, we would personally own the mission to share the love of Jesus with our relational world.