

Shine

Sermon Study Guide

This Week:

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Sermon: The Tireless Search



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Read the Scripture



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Opening Questions

- What was your worst subject in school? Can you remember your lowest grade ever in that subject?

Read Together

Luke 15:1-7

Big Idea

Jesus' story of a shepherd going after a single lost sheep helps us better understand how to reach lost people.

Discussion Questions

1. Read verses 1-2 together. What complaint was being raised against Jesus? Was it true?
2. Read verses 3-7. Why do you think Jesus told the story He did in response to the criticism He was receiving?
3. Review the actions of the shepherd in this story. What is most striking to you about what he does?
4. What connection do you see between the complaint that is raised in verse 2 and Jesus' conclusion to the story in verse 7?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:9 and 1 Timothy 2:1-6. What do we learn about God and those who are lost?
6. Is there anyone in your world that you've labeled as not being worthy of being found? Is there a group of people that you've labeled as being beyond our Shepherd's reach? Why do you think that is so? What could you do to begin to change that?
7. Take some time to have each person share briefly how they were found by God. Then answer this question: When was the last time you were able to share that story?
8. Read verse 7 one last time. Do you think the Church and those who are followers of Christ do a good job of following heaven's example when someone comes to Christ? How could we do a better job of this?

Challenge

This week determine to take a concrete step in relationship to beginning to "shine" in someone's life who doesn't know Jesus. Share with your group what that step will be (pray, make contact, reach out, etc.)

Prayer

Name one person that you are praying for whom you would like to influence and then pray for that person in your group.

Next Step

A good resource in this area is called "Take a Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels.

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