

## Growth Group 'Go Deeper' Questions

1. Was there is a single point in the sermon that caught your attention or made you think differently? If so, what was it?
2. Pastor Brant taught from Luke 15, that all people matter to God and are valuable to Him. The series title is "Highly Contagious". Do you think God has given each believer a 'contagion' to share or spread to others? If so, what do you think that 'contagion' is that we are suppose to spread?
3. In Luke 15, Jesus used three parables in a row to clearly communicate his point and combat the incorrect bias of the Pharisees. Read Romans 5:8 and then Romans 8:35, 38-39. What can you conclude from these scriptures?
4. In the three parables, Jesus taught that when we are missing something that is valuable, we search for it until we find it. That type of focus and energy demonstrates value for the one who is searching. Jesus' point is that all people are valuable to Him and any person not in relationship with Him is "missing" or lost. What is our part to play? Read Luke 14:16-24.
5. Read 1 Peter 3:15 and Colossians 4:5-6. What do you personally think of these scriptures? Are there parts you like and parts you do not like or make you uncomfortable? Please share.

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## Part 1: "Lost & Found"

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*"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

— Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

*"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make **a defense** to anyone who asks you for **a reason** for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,"* — 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

*"Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. 2 This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!"*

— Luke 15:1-2 (NLT)

Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son— Luke 15:3-32

## 3 Parallels in the 'Lost & Found' Parables...

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ was missing.

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8 (NKJV)*

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
— Romans 8:35, 38-39 (NKJV)*

### 2. What was missing \_\_\_\_\_.

*"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."  
— Luke 19:10 (NKJV)*

*"Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'  
— Luke 14:23 (NKJV)*

### 3. When the lost is found, \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."  
— Luke 15:6-7 (NKJV)*

*"And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' 10 Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."  
— Luke 15:9-10 (NKJV)*

*"for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began."  
— Luke 15:24 (NLT)*

*"Conduct yourself with wisdom in your interactions with outsiders (non-believers), make the most of each opportunity [treating it as something precious]. 6 Let your speech at all times be gracious and pleasant, seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to answer each one [who questions you]."  
— Colossians 4:5-6 (AMP)*