



# BelPres Church

## Lost And Found

### Opening Prayer:

Jesus, help us notice how You come looking for us. We're listening, show us where You're already nearby.

### Practice Reflection Questions:

What stands out from your prayer or journaling time this week? Did you pursue a nudge or prompt to action? What did you do and how did it go? Did your family try the family practice? How did that go?

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### This Week's Scripture:

Luke 15:1-10

"Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

<sup>8</sup>"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins<sup>[a]</sup> and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me;

I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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**Scripture Reflection Questions:** Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following (note: we use the same scripture reflection questions each week so that we can practice using the same tools over time as we examine different scriptures):

- What do we learn about God's story in this passage?
- What do we learn about our story in this passage?

**Talk:**

- When have you felt wanted by God even when you were not doing well or felt far away?
- What helped you notice His pursuit (someone's kindness, a moment, a word, a feeling of peace)?
- Who around you right now might feel overlooked and need that same kind of care?

**Action Plan:**

Review the action prompt below, share any initial ideas of how you might pursue this practice this week.

- Think of someone you know who often gets missed, overlooked, or left alone. Pursue them with love this week, not to "convert," but to be present: text to check in, invite for coffee or lunch, offer a ride, a meal, a listening ear, choose them on purpose. No sermon. No correction. No agenda. Just the same pursuit Jesus showed you.

**Closing group prayer:** Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement for the week ahead.