



Eyes on the Road

People who were not like Jesus liked Jesus, and he liked them back. Since the church is the body of Christ, people should be drawn to Jesus followers. Even if they don't agree with the message of the church, they should like the church. So, why isn't that true? Take some time as a group to talk about how you as part of Red Rock Church can be a part of extending the grace and love of God to those who are not like Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

“Christ came to seek and save the lost; we are to be about the same thing.”

Read: Luke 15:1–8, 20–24

Context: *The baffling thing about Jesus: he came as a religious leader, but spent little time with religious people. Sent from God, but didn't pursue godly people. The other baffling thing about him was that irreligious people loved to hear him speak. Jesus uses a parable, a story used to illustrate a point, to make his point that those who are followers of Jesus need to be people who are love irreligious people because we want so badly for them to have the hope we have in Jesus.*

- Who is Jesus' audience as he shares the story? In our day and age, who might that audience be?
- What do the sheep, the coin and the son have in common? How can you relate personally? Who in your life can relate?
- Who does the woman, the shepherd and the father represent? How can you relate?
- Who does the older brother represent? How can you relate?
- What can we do to be more like the father, the woman and the shepherd?
- How can we as a part of Red Rock Church be more like Jesus and seek those who are lost and share with them the saving grace of the Gospel?
- The gravitational pull of the church is always toward the paying customer, the 99 sheep who are already in the safe area, a part of the church. Do we find yourself more concerned about who we are reaching or who we are keeping as a church?
- When we create a culture of reaching, Red Rock Church will attract teachers as well as seekers. What can you do to help cultivate a culture of reaching at Red Rock Church?
- How can those group help you “keep your eyes on the road” and looking for those who are lost and coming to Jesus for salvation?

MOVING FORWARD

Ever lost something of great value to you, but nobody but you is looking for it? Let's not be that church. Let's not be those people. Let's not be those church people Let's keep our adjectives straight. Let's be the father in the parable. Let's keep our eyes on the road.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: Luke 15:20

Journaling: Take some time to write your story of how you came to a relationship with God.

Prayer: Begin praying that God would give you a heart of compassion like the Father had for the prodigal son.

Accountability: Ask a friend to keep you accountable to build relationships with those who are different.