

MESSAGE NOTES

“Building Search Parties”

Pastor Eric Scott — June 20, 2021

Parable - “A truth thrown alongside a story.”

Luke 15:1-10

Misplaced people are worth being sought after.

The Holy Spirit moves at the Father’s will, and the Father’s will is that no one be misplaced.

1. Value the one.

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein

1 Peter 3:18

2. Pray for the one.

Once you begin to value someone, the Holy Spirit makes it irresistible to pray for them.

John 17:20 (NIV)

3. Be alert for the one.

- Be careful to listen and be slow to speak.

- Be alert for signs of hunger for God.

- Be a true friend who encourages.

- Don’t push it – but confidently share the gospel with respect.

Philippians 2:3-4; James 5:19-20 (NCV)

All scriptures are from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Consider:

Misplaced people are worth being sought for.

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Why were parables the primary way Jesus liked to answer questions and teach principles?
- ▶ Read Luke 15:1-10. What emotions are found in this passage?
- ▶ What makes people valuable to God?
- ▶ Pastor Eric gave us 4 ways to move forward in our search parties. Which comes most easily to you? Which could you grow in?
 - Be careful to listen and be slow to speak.
 - Be alert for signs of hunger for God.
 - Be a true friend who encourages them – your encouragement opens doors.
 - Don’t push it – but confidently share the gospel with respect.

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Read Philippians 2:3-4. Take a moment and ask God who is He is highlighting for you to value. When will you pray for them? What is your next step in reaching out to them?

How could your Group join together to form a Search Party?

Care:

Pray for the “One’s” God highlighted in your group.

Fill in the blank key: misplaced; value; pray; alert; hunger; respect