Review:

Lesson 1: Joyful & Teachable Lesson 2: Spiritual Foundations Lesson 3: The Audience of Parables Lesson 4: What Love Looks Like

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Self-Righteousness Luke 13:1-9

Christ followers rarely look more foolish than when we compare ourselves to one another as if some are worse sinners than others. God, on the other hand, sees only those whose ______ are repentant and those whose ______ are not.

Discussion 1. Under what circumstances are you most likely to start comparing your "righteousness" to others'? How do you stop yourself from doing that? What tends to "ground" you back into a Godly perspective on your sin?

As human beings, knowing why we are here and actually living into that purpose is important. When we miss it, there will always be a deep sense of ______ and _____. That God would feel that for us should not surprise us.

Discussion 2. Describe something among your possessions that sometimes (or often) does not work the way it is supposed to work. How does that make you feel? Do you think God feels anything similar to that when you do not live into your purpose which He designed you for?

We were each created to be in ______ with God. But God will not force that upon us. We have our days in this world (however many that may be) to decide whether that is something we want. We will "live" with that decision for a very long time.

Discussion 3. Does it seem fair to you that every person has only his/her days in this world to make such an important decision (about Jesus) that will determine his/her fate forever? Why or why not?

In our darkest, most painful moments, we may wish God would treat us more fairly, more like what we deserve; and then we remember what we actually deserve and are grateful for His ______.

Discussion 4. How would you describe or explain God's mercy to an unbelieving friend?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?