

Review:

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Lost Things, pt. 1 Luke 15:1-10

I cannot follow Christ and avoid _____ with those whose lifestyles do not reflect Christ. It does not work that way. Jesus sought _____ with those whom the “Godly” people avoided. Following Christ means doing likewise.

Discussion 1. What percentage of your genuine friendships are Christian? How many of your 5 names on your BLESS list are relationships you would call genuine friendships?

God’s perspective on repentance does not distinguish between those who are “believers”/”saved”/”born again” and those who are not. The distinction is between those who know they need repentance today and those who do not know. _____

Discussion 2. Sometimes we act like we have forgotten that we need repentance. For you, what kinds of circumstances might lead you to lose sight of your own need for repentance? What steps can you take to keep that from happening?

Perhaps one of the more convicting measures of my spiritual growth as a Christ follower is the degree to which my _____ for the same things that broke Jesus’ heart...whether I relentlessly pursue the people whom Jesus relentlessly pursued.

Discussion 3. For the 5 names on your BLESS list, would you call your pursuit of a friendship with them relentless? What would have to change in order to be relentless?

Following Christ completely rearranges our values. _____ go way up on our list of priorities and comfort or convenience pretty much drop off the list altogether. Are we getting this right?

Discussion 4. If you were an outsider looking at the Christian church today, what conclusions would you draw about how the church values broken people versus its own comfort or convenience?

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