

Life Group #7: Amazing Value
Luke 15:1-10

Objectives: We want students to see how much God values all people, including those that are “lost”. We want to see our hearts start to match God’s. We want to take a step of faith to reach out to others who do not know God.

Logistical Note: *This LG study is intentionally shorter to leave time after the content below to organize pairs, spend about 30-40 minutes in outreach, and return for debrief (sharing and celebration).*

Announcements (5 minutes)

Launch

Watch Vinyl

<http://www.globalshortfilmnetwork.com/vinyl-ta-t-53.html>

- What do you think of the story? Favorite scene?
- Why does it bother us so much if we lose something?
- Why does he care so much about his one record?
- Have you ever lost something so valuable that you'd throw a party if you found it?
- Would it surprise you that God's answer to that question (about losing something so valuable that He'd throw a party for it) is...you? Why or why not? What makes it hard or easy to believe?

Explore

In the day of Jesus most people did not believe this view of God. In fact, there was a group of religious people grumbling about Jesus because he hung out with “sinners”. Jesus replies to their grumbles with these 2 parables. Read Luke 15:1-10

Apply

- Who do you most identify with in these parables? Why?

- What is amazing about God in these stories?
- Do you think that the average person at MSU knows God views them in this way?
- How do you think the average person at MSU thinks God views them?
- In light of this view of God and the reality of our campus, how should we respond?

Tonight, we are going to take a step of faith to tell others about a God who loves them so much that He would search for them then throw a party when He finds them.

Pray in groups.

LG leaders, refer to instructions for leading Vinyl Outreach.