



Part 1: The Risk

Bored with church? Not feeling like your Sunday experience connects much with your everyday life? Maybe there's something that we're missing, something adventurous, something compelling, something risky!

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why do you think people who were considered "sinners" were drawn to Jesus? Have you ever experienced Christianity feeling more safe and routine than adventurous and outward-focused? Why is it so easy for churches and for us personally to become focused mainly on the "ninety-nine"?
2. Read Luke 15:1-8. Why were the Pharisees so upset that Jesus "receives sinners and eats with them"?
3. What risks did the shepherd take in leaving the ninety-nine to search for the one? What does the shepherd's pursuit of the lost sheep reveal about the heart of God?
4. The sermon said, "Love goes looking." What do you think that means practically? Who are the kinds of people that Christians today may be tempted to avoid, judge, or keep at a distance?
5. What fears or discomforts can keep us from moving toward people who are far from God? What might it look like for our church to reflect the heart of the Shepherd more deeply?

Moving Forward

Spend a few minutes prayerfully thinking about four people God may be calling you to intentionally invest in. Who are people in your life that may be lonely, spiritually disconnected, hurting, skeptical, or far from God?

We want to commit to praying for these people daily, and we can start together. Close by praying as a group for the names and relationships God has placed on your hearts.