

God is Always Seeking Us

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever lost something important to you and found it later?

What was it and how did you feel when you found it?

2. How would you describe how you see and experience God?

3. Why do you think we often view God as being “against” us or critical?

4. On a scale of 1 (really hard) to 10 (really easy) how easy is it for you to believe that God is seeking you and that He celebrates you? Why?



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Luke 15:1–10 *The Message Bible*

By this time a lot of men and women of doubtful reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story:



“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing...



...and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!' Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.



Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she'll call her friends and neighbors: 'Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!' Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God."



- How do *we* see God?

- Our perspective determines our ability to experience God's powerful love for us AND our ability to love God with every fiber of our being.



Jesus values us, though others may choose to reject us.

He pursues us and *celebrates* our worth.



Do we see God...

**As a parent who cuts us off and discards us
when we are found lacking?**

OR

**As a parent who pursues and loves us no
matter what we've done wrong?**



It's up for discussion:

1) Why do you think we often view God as being against us or critical?

2) On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to believe that God is seeking you and that he celebrates you? Why?

(1=really hard and 10=really easy)



When we see God, as God is...

...we enter into a divine relationship where we can experience accepting love every day.

“Talk to yourself, don’t listen to yourself.”



**When we embrace God's powerful acceptance,
gratitude infuses our lives with the desire to
know, love, and follow Him.**



Romans 8:38–39

I'm absolutely convinced that nothing – nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable – absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.



Embrace His Acceptance

- 1) Begin a relationship with God by saying, "have mercy on me."**
- 2) Get to know God by reading God's love in 1 John or Matthew in the New Testament.**
- 3) Grow together: Become a part of a supportive small group of like-minded people who can really help you to grow deeper with God.**