COLLABORATIVE DISCIPLESHIP 2 Cultivate God's Heart for Those Who Don't Know Him 1 Connect

Summary God gives us the privilege to be involved in the search for those who do not yet know Him.

Read Luke 15: 1–10 and ask the following questions:

- **1** What do you like about this passage?
- 2 What do you find uncomfortable or difficult to understand in this passage?
- **3** What appears to be the main idea emphasized in this passage? (Look for repeated words or ideas.)

Consider how the following passages increase our understanding of this topic:

Read John 3:16-18.

What will happen to those who do not believe in Jesus?

What are your initial thoughts and feelings about these verses?

Read John 14:6.

How are people able to have an eternal relationship with God the Father? What are your initial thoughts on Jesus' claim?

Read Matthew 9:35-38.

What's the difference between how Jesus views people who don't know him and how you view them?

What was Jesus' response to their condition?

- **4** What are the beliefs and values promoted in these passages?
- **5** What do these passages reveal about our human condition and God's response?
- **6** How are these beliefs and values similar or different from those that have influenced you? (such as your family, culture, peers, church, etc.)
- **7** How might our faith increase and our lives change as we embrace what is true and important?
- 8 In light of what we've discussed, how can we pray for each other right now?

Describe a time in your life when you or someone you knew was lost or missing.
What happened? How did you feel? How did you and those around you respond?

3 Care

Since we last met, what happened as a result of expressing Christ's love to others?

How can you, or we, express Christ's love to others this week?

Here are a few ideas:

Pray God would meet their deepest needs.

Help meet a felt need they have.

Encourage them with a text, note or verbally.

Give them a thoughtful gift or buy them coffee.

Invite them to do something fun or meaningful.

Listen to their story.

Explore their thoughts on the gospel.

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