

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. From the two texts we discussed today and the parables in the sermon this weekend, what have you learned about how to invest in the lives of people around you in an effort to help connect them to Jesus? How might you change to do this?

11. Share with the group the names of one or two of your unchurched friends. Spend the rest of your time together praying over these individuals and your interaction with these friends over the coming week. Use Paul's specific prayer request in Colossians 4:2-6 as a guide.

Prayer Requests

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Diligence: The Investment

Luke 15

Sermon Notes Due

1. God longs to _____ that which is _____.
Luke 15:1-9

2. God's heart _____ when he thinks about His _____.
Luke 15:4, 8

3. God's heart _____ when his _____ are _____.
Luke 15:6, 9

4. Once we grow in _____ God sends us back to the _____.
Luke 5:1-11, Luke 9:1-6

One of the best _____ we can make is to help
God _____ His _____.

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

November 15, 2015

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Would you say you have more relationships with people inside the church or outside the church? What circumstances (your job, family, neighborhood, friend groups, etc.) make this so?

2. In the sermon this weekend, we learned that when our values are shaped by the teachings of Jesus, we are compelled to get involved outside of the walls of the church, being salt and light in our community. Think through your weekly routine. What places and people immediately come to mind when you think about investing in non-believers? If nothing or no one comes to mind quickly, what does this tell you?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ MARK 5:21-43.

3. As Jesus was getting off the boat He was approached by a ruler of a local synagogue, Jairus. What state was Jairus in when He met Jesus? What had happened to him? Share about a time when someone else's crisis gave you the opportunity to be salt and light in the world.

4. How did Jesus respond to Jairus? What does this communicate to us about the nature of Jesus' ministry?

5. Jesus went with Jairus immediately, yet on the way was interrupted by a woman from the crowd. Who was this woman, and what did she do to receive Jesus' healing?

6. Jesus made time to continuously invest in people who did not know Him. What are a few things that keep us from investing in the lives of people outside the walls of the church? How does Jesus' example speak to these barriers we keep up?

7. Jesus did not let the death of Jairus's daughter stop Him from ministering to Jairus. How did Jesus show specific and intentional care for Jairus and His family? What are a few simple things we can do to show grace, love, and compassion to our non-believing friends?

READ COLOSSIANS 4:2-6.

8. Paul challenged the church at Colossae to be mindful of their interactions with outsiders (v. 5). What does it mean to "walk in wisdom" and "be seasoned with salt" in regards to our relationships with non-Christians? What are some specific ways we do this in our daily lives?

9. These verses are part of the closing to Paul's letter to the believers in Colossae. What role does our community inside of the church play in our investing in people outside of the church? In other words, how can we help one another be salt and light in our community?