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If this is as good as it's going to be, is Jesus going to be enough?

- *Is He going to be enough for your life to have meaning and purpose and hope even though this other stuff is not going well?*
- *Is He going to be enough that you can live your life with a good attitude and perspective?*
- *Is my faith and well-being based on a "Jesus plus" mindset?*
- *The "pluses" are good, but they are not as stable as we would like to think.*

Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told
Luke 15:1-10

- Parables are everyday illustrations of truths about the _____ of the Kingdom of God and the _____ of God.
- Parables are not always easy or comfortable or _____.
- Parables need to be understood as Jesus' _____ would have understood them.

How do we deal with the "tax collectors and sinners" that God puts in our path? How do we handle the "bad" people that we come in contact with?

- Do we look down on them and shun them in some form or fashion?
- Do we treat them with respect and _____?
- Do we _____ for them?
- Do we see through the badness to the _____?
- Do we view people with sadness for the state of their souls as opposed to a spiritual smugness that says we're good and you're bad.

The Nature of God

- The value of something or someone can often be determined by the _____ one makes in looking for it when it is lost.
- Remember - you have someone who has gone to _____ to find you.
- The Greatest "Wow" factor of all is God loves us and is desperately _____.
- There is great excitement and rejoicing in heaven itself over the lost being found.

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- What is your main “take-away” from this week? How do you plan to live that out?
- Have there been times in your life where you felt “worthless”? How has God let you know that you are valuable?
- How much “Wow” factor does the reality that God loves you have in your life or do you just take that for granted?

Read over Luke 15:11-31 and think about the following questions:

- Who is the “most lost” person in this story?
- Was the Father showing too much favoritism? Was he too passive?
- Who do you identify with the most in this story?
- How does this parable connect with the two that we read this week?
- What do you think you might need to do differently as you look at your life in light of this parable?

