

## Vision: To Connect People to Jesus

January 26, 2020

### Reading/Group Discussion

Read **Luke 15:11-32**.

- How did this sermon/text deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- Read **Mark 10:45** and **Luke 19:10**. What do these verses convey about the vision Jesus had for his life? How do you see Jesus' vision for his life in alignment with your own?
- In the three parables of **Luke 15**, there was a commitment to find what was lost and celebrate when it was found. How should this influence the vision of a Christ follower and of the church?
- **Read Mark 2:1-5**. What did the people do when they could not get their friend to Jesus? What is your commitment and persistence like when it comes to connecting people to Jesus?
- **Read John 15:4-5**. How do these words expand upon and further explain what it means to be connected to Jesus?
- Do you feel connected to Jesus? Explain. What practices have helped you feel more connected to Jesus in the past? What do you find in life often "interrupts" your connection to Jesus?
- How has being connected to Jesus resulted in fruit in and through your life?
- The Creek's vision is to connect people to Jesus. How might God be calling you to be a part of this vision?
- Which day from the daily work resonated with you most? Why? Which day challenged you most? Why?
- How does this passage, sermon, or daily work challenge you to live differently?

### Encouragement

- What do you sense God doing in you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing around you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing through you that you need courage for?

## **Accountability**

*At this time, the group may want to split into smaller, gendered groups.*

- Who are you in God's eyes? Who are you in the eyes of this group?
- What has your time in God's Word and prayer been like this week?
- What have you learned about connecting people to Jesus this week? How are you planning to live out this vision in your life?
- How have you loved God and loved others this week?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What strongholds have you wrestled with this week?
- Have you been 100% honest?

## **Practice:**

As a group, you have an opportunity to intercede on behalf of one another to pray for those who do not know Jesus. In your group time this week, share the name of one person you are seeking to connect to Jesus. Then, *as a group*, pray for these people together. And finally, pray each day throughout the next week for the people shared individually.

Here are some prompts from Scripture you can use to help you pray:

- I pray, Lord, you draw \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself (John 6:44).
- I pray \_\_\_\_\_ seeks to know you (Acts 17:27).
- Lord, I pray \_\_\_\_\_ hears the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed and repents of their old way of life (Mark 1:14-15).