



Introduction

A second tension in Christianity is between Insiders and Outsiders. Jesus makes clear that he cares about both but is preoccupied with those who are still on the outside. Likewise looks like a reflection of God's heart-so how does continually looking for the missing, actually develop those who aren't?

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever found yourself in between two people that you love but they don't like each other? What's that like, or what makes that so uncomfortable?
2. Read Luke 15:1-2 What position is Jesus put in here? Why do insiders sometimes "mutter" about outsiders? Why do outsiders not like insiders?
3. Read Luke 15:3-7 In this story about the lost sheep, there are probably parts that resonate with you and parts that don't. What part of this story do you wonder about?
4. In the first story in Luke 15 – Jesus mentions 99 who don't need to repent, then in the second story he only mentions rejoicing over one who repents. Are there some who don't need to repent? When we get stuck in this question, what are we missing?
5. Read Luke 15:28-32 Why is the older brother angry? What does the Father want him to understand? Do you think he came back to the house?
6. In the lost sheep story we are told the shepherd leaves the 99 to go after the 1. Do you have a 1? What do you hope happens in church the day your 1 shows up? How can you make sure that we are prepared for someone else's 1?
7. What are you doing to make sure you go after 1? How can we join you in that?

Shaping Your Mind - If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost...won't he leave the ninety-nine...and search for the one that is lost until he finds it? Luke 15:4 NLT

Moving Forward – *Go after the one!*