GRACE NOTES

Series: FAMILY VALUES
Message: People Matter - Jesus Saves
Scripture: Luke 15
Date: Sunday, November 27, 2016

Core Value -

Lost people matter to God and therefore must matter to us.

STUDY NOTES

Can you remember a time when you lost something important? Describe what you did to find it?

If you're a parent or grandparent, have you ever had a child or grandchild get lost? How did you feel until they were found again?

Thinking back to Sunday's service, how were you challenged, inspired, encouraged, or changed?

Read **Luke 15:11-32**.
Describe the younger son. Have you ever had the attitude of the younger son?

Describe the elder son. Have you ever had the attitude of the elder son?

Describe the attitude of the father toward the younger son and toward the elder son.

Too often, we adopt an attitude of criticism and even condemnation toward those who live far from God. Is that acceptable?

How can we keep from being judgmentally condemning toward those who are willingly captive to sin?

Read **Luke 19:1-10.**
Why was it surprising that Jesus would go to Zacchaeus' house?

What was Zacchaeus' response to Jesus' acceptance of him?

What did Jesus say was His purpose in coming? Do we share in this purpose? How can we begin to live this out?

Can you recite our church's mission statement?

Last week , you were asked to write down the name of three people you know who are far from Jesus. Take time at the end of your small group to pray for the lost by name. It's okay to just use their first names.