

A large crowd of people is seen from behind, looking towards a bright horizon. The text "the one" is overlaid in white, with "the" in a smaller font and "one" in a larger font.

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Group Discussion Guide

Week 1: The Lost Sheep & The Lost Coin

📌 Big Idea

God cares for lost people and wants us to care for them too.

▶ Watch Week 1 Video

(Provided to your Home Team Leader or available online at pathwaychurch.com/messages/TheOne)

📄 Read, Discuss, and Journal Answers

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time you lost something valuable and tried to find it.

2. Have you ever felt like God wasn't concerned or wasn't around?

Read: Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Application:

1. How do the parables of the lost sheep and coin show the difference between God's heart and the hearts of the Pharisees and teachers of the Law?

2. Describe similarities and differences between these two parables.

3. What is most surprising in these two parables?

Takeaway:

1. Why is an all out search important?
2. How well do you celebrate God's work being accomplished?
3. Fill out the Response Card and Invite List with your personal response to *The One* and the five people you commit to pray for and invite during this series. (*Refer to pages 5 & 9*)

Pray:

1. As a group, pray for your hearts to look like God's heart for others.
2. Pray for the lost people in your neighborhood and for those in Valley Center.