

### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

Jesus' stories and teachings challenge how we see God and other people. This series explores our value to God, the invitation to welcome others, and the joy of being found.

### **BOTTOM LINE**

God seeks people with care and celebrates when they turn toward him.

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Read Luke 15:8-10 together.** Jesus tells of a woman who searches carefully for one lost coin. When she finds it, she invites her neighbors to rejoice. Jesus connects that celebration with joy over one person who repents.

### **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Invite honest questions. Students may pass on any personal question or reflection.

#### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- What is something small you would spend a surprising amount of time looking for? Why?
- What can someone's effort to find a lost item reveal about its value to them?

#### **WHAT THE TEXT SAYS**

- What steps does the woman take to find the coin? What details show that the search matters to her?
- Why does the story end with a shared celebration instead of simply saying that the coin was found?
- How does Jesus explain the story in verse 10? What does repentance mean in this context?

**Leader note:** The coin is a picture in the parable, not a complete description of a person. Take questions about being "lost" seriously, and avoid assuming where any student stands with God.

### **WHAT WE CAN DO**

This parable links careful searching with joy. It gives students a chance to consider what they believe about God's attention to individuals and how they respond to it.

- Where do people your age feel overlooked or easy to replace? How does this story challenge that feeling?
- What is the difference between believing God notices people and believing he cares enough to seek them?
- Why might being sought by God feel comforting to some people and complicated to others?
- What is one honest step you could take toward God this week: ask a question, pray, read Luke 15, or talk with someone you trust?
- How could this group make room both for people who are certain of their faith and for people still exploring it?

### **PRAY TOGETHER**

God, thank you for seeing each person with care. Help us believe we matter to you and give us courage to respond honestly, wherever we are in our faith. Make this group a place where questions are welcome and joy is shared. Amen.

**THIS WEEK** Invite each student to choose one step toward God. Offer to listen to questions without pressing for a public answer or a decision on the spot.