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LIFE NOTES — LEADER GUIDE

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LEADER NOTES:

These Life Notes are written to help your group dive deeper into the Sunday message. As you use Life Notes, you will get into a rhythm of discussion. You may find that there is not enough time to get through all the questions or that a question is a springboard to others not in the guide. Find the best method for your group and adapt these notes to fit.

It may be helpful to remind your group to watch the message before you meet if they missed the weekend service. Life Notes are written so that all can participate, even if they missed, but to get the most out of them, watching the message beforehand is best. All messages are posted on the MISSION YouTube page - youtube.com/@MISSIONAZ

We are just starting up Life Notes for Life Groups. We would welcome your feedback as to the substance of these questions. How can we change these questions to better equip you? Email us at groups@missionaz.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please share with your group

Mexico Impact Trip: Our next global mission trip is Nov 8-11. The trip will take place in Rocky Point, just a 4-hour drive from MISSION. This family-friendly trip could be a great experience for your group. There will be a trip interest meeting on Sunday, Sept 15, in room 300B at 11:45a.

To learn more about the trip, go to missionaz.org/impact

WARM-UP:

1. Share about a time when you lost something important and what you did to search for it. What did it feel like when you found it?

KNOW IT:

1. **Read Luke 15:1-10.** In this passage, what stuck out to you? What's encouraging? What's challenging? What words or phrases catch your attention? *(Solicit feedback from the group as their thoughts may help provide a different perspective.)*

We all are lost, but some of us are blinded to how lost we are. In order to be found, we first need to realize that we're lost and then repent. And in repentance, there's no condemnation, only celebration in Heaven!

2. In your own words, what is repentance? Give an example of when you have seen or experienced true repentance.

3. For those who consider themselves religious, why are they so often the most blind to their being lost? For those who consider themselves sinners and separated from God, what keeps them from coming to repentance?

4. Since Adam and Eve first sinned and we were separated from God, he has been pursuing us ceaselessly. Why does Heaven celebrate every time someone who is lost is found? Do we find ourselves celebrating the same way Heaven does when a lost person is found? Why or why not?

SHARE IT:

1. What is an area of your life where you might be lost right now? How might Jesus be searching for you?

2. What is something God has shown you recently worth celebrating or something you've experienced that Heaven is rejoicing over?

LIVE IT:

1. Do you know someone who has become lost? What is a step you can take this week to reach out?

2. Spend a little time with God this week, asking him to show you if there's anything you need to repent for.

PRAYER:

Take prayer requests. Follow up on any past prayer requests. Highlight answered prayers. Have someone pray to close.

DIGGING DEEPER:

For further study, read Matthew 18:10-14. How is this passage similar to the parable we just discussed? What additional insights can we glean from it?

Read these additional passages: How do these relate to this week's message and our discussion tonight? How can you apply them to your life?

1 John 1:8-10

2 Peter 3:8-9

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Matthew 5:23-24