

Lost Sheep - Matthew 18:10-14

Ideas for an intro

1. I tend to misplace things like my phone, my keys and my wallet. I usually can't find them because I'm rushing. In the midst of searching, I usually begin to stress myself out. Sometimes I can stress out others in the midst of my searching.
 - Think about a time you lost something.
 - What was it? Why was it so important to you? How did you feel when you lost it?
 - When you found it, how did that make you feel?
 - Have you ever lost someone? Or have you ever been lost?
 - What were the feelings you encountered when everyone was back together?

A Biblical Passage to focus on

- Read Matthew 18:10-14

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage:

1. When you read verse 10, what comes to mind when you think of little ones?
2. What animal is mentioned in this passage?
3. What are some facts about this animal that you can think of?
4. What is the reaction when the lost is found?

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. Who are some of the 'little ones' in your life? Among the people you can minister to?
2. What are some similarities between this animal and yourself?
3. What are some similarities between this animal and the people God wants you to minister to?
4. What is your attitude when a lost person is found?
5. What are some ways that you can celebrate when a person accepts Christ? When a person comes back to Christ?

Application Concepts

1. List some reasons why your group can celebrate
2. List some ways that you CAN celebrate when these things happen
3. Set aside a couple times a year for your celebrations
4. List some specific people who are 'lost'
5. List some ways you will reach out to them?
6. Are there any events or activities you can set up in the next semester to help reach out to the 'lost'?

This week's Holy Experiment...pick one...or ask God for another

1. Invite someone to club/youth group/church.
2. Write/Text/Email/Call someone who has not been to club/youth group/church in a long time. See how they are doing.
3. Celebrate someone's Birthday
4. Write/Text/Email/Call someone who has recently made a good decision for Christ.