



REVIEW

READ

Pick and read out loud one of the Lost/Found parables from Luke 15 (all but one person should keep their Bibles closed for now). **Read slowly.** Line by line if you can. **Read as if for the first time.**

ASK

- **What does it say?** (In a word, in a phrase)
- **What do you see?** (picture the scene, the people. What stands out?)
- **What happens next?** Guess! (say, "I wonder...")
- **What do you hear?** (What word comes to mind after reading? Spend some time in silent prayer before answering. *Why do you think God included this here in the Story?*)
- **What do you want to do?** (as a result of what Jesus has done).

ASK:

- **What message do these parables give to the rebellious?**
- **What message do these parables give to the self-righteous?**
- **In what ways have you found yourself to be rebellious or self-righteous** (we've all been both)?
- **How has the gospel freed you from this?**

PREVIEW

Next week we are looking at Jesus' teaching on eternity. Read the passages below and

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Read Matthew 19:16-30 and Luke 10:25-37 out loud (all but one person should keep their Bibles closed for now). **Read slowly.** Line by line if you can. **Read as if for the first time.**

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PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE VULNERABLE

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." –Micah 6:8

As a church, we want to be intentional about acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. As a first step, The Protect Team will provide monthly prayer guides based on Psalm 146.

7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed (**Nov**)

and gives food to the hungry. (**Dec**)

The Lord sets prisoners free, (**Jan**)

8 the Lord gives sight to the blind, (**Feb**)

the Lord lifts up

those who are bowed down, (**Mar**)

the Lord loves the righteous. (**Apr**)

9 The Lord watches over the foreigner (**May**)

and sustains the fatherless
and the widow, (**June**)

but he frustrates
the ways of the wicked. (**July**)

"...the Lord gives sight to the blind..." Psalm 146:8 (February)

THINK

For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well. Psalm 139:13-14

Discuss: Disability is a part of life. We are all unique and made in God's image. How can we celebrate these differences within our church, community, and world?

Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord.
Leviticus 19:14

...invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed...you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. Luke 14: 13-14

Discuss: As we plan for what's NEXT at OPC-M, what considerations might be important to ensure that we are welcoming people with disabilities?

PRAY

- Pray for an increased understanding and awareness of people with disabilities, focusing on both their strengths and their needs.
- Pray for our church and community as we seek to create an increasingly inclusive environment for people with a broad range of needs and impacts

DO

- Take a few minutes time to educate yourself and develop awareness: <https://youtu.be/fUiQM240eT0>; *This is a great video and worth the time to watch and discuss as a family. Watch with the understanding that this addresses apparent or physical disabilities that you can see. The majority of disabilities are hidden and cannot always be seen.*
- Participate in a random act of kindness for someone with a disability or a caregiver.
- *Do you have gifts or talents within this area? Feeling called? Connect with Kelly Astwood* to get involved in some exciting efforts we are moving forward on in supporting people with disabilities within OPC|M. More to come!

LECTIO VISIO

Christians believe in God's Word and take him at his Word. Yet 21st century Christians have a difficult time seeing God's Word the same way God's people have for centuries: **visually**. That's what this method of Scripture reading is designed to do: help you see the text.

3 INGREDIENTS

- 3 candles, or a 3 wick candle
- 1 Passage (preferably narrative, 5-10 verses)
- 12 or fewer people (Christians or non-Christians)

10 COMMANDMENTS OF LECTIO VISIO

1. No prep! (Lead by asking)
2. Pray simple prayers (tsp prayers: Thank you, Sorry, Please)
3. Shut your Bibles (yup, you read that correctly. Don't worry.)
4. Open your eyes (senses) and picture the scene. Try to get down in the dust of the story.
5. Direct the Film (you as the leader help the biblical scene come alive for those you're studying with)
6. No peeking ahead (1 verse at a time)
7. No rabbit trails (stick to what the text says, not "I feels")
8. Keep telling the story (instead of explaining, WONDER)
9. Keep silence
10. Lead by asking the 5Qs
11. Repeat #2 TSP.

THE 5 QUESTIONS

1. What did it say?
2. What do you see?
3. What happens next? (Guess)
4. What do you hear? (Then/Now)
5. What do you want to do?

A COUPLE EXTRA TIPS FOR LEADERS

Mirror the group. Repeat back what is said and direct them back to the story if things get off track.

Lead Strong. God is actually the one leading the discussion by his Word. Take courage. Have fun. Encourage a bit of playfulness.

Take Notes Here (how did it go? what applications did people give that you can follow up on next week?)