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Every person matters to God—every single 1! In this short series we are going to consider the value of every 1, the truth that any 1 can be saved, and the importance of some 1 sharing their faith so that their 1 meets the One and Only!

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 EVERY "1" IS LOST WITHOUT JESUS. Read Luke 19:10; Romans 3:10; 23. Jesus spoke of the lost openly and plainly. His parables of Luke 15 describe the lost in three ways. Like sheep, they get distracted and wander off. Like "coins" they are tossed into corners, cheapened and forgotten by careless and callous people. Like rebellious kids, they choose to walk off, forget God and seek fulfillment on their own terms. People are lost without Jesus. Why do you think we try to "soften" the thought that people are lost like Jesus says? Why is it so important that we see others as "lost" without Jesus? What might you start doing differently to "see" people as "lost"?

2 EACH "1" IS WORTH FINDING TO GOD. Read
1 Timothy 2:3,4; 2 Peter 3:9. The fact that Jesus speaks about seeking the lost implies value. Jesus came to validate God's burden for every single "1" who is far from Him. Still today, people are on God's radar even when they are not on ours because God wants the "lost" to be found! Rehearse again the things God has done to declare His deep love for His creation. What might help you find the same kind of passion to feel that people really matter?

3 NO "1" IS SO LOST THAT GRACE CANNOT FIND THEM. No 1 is too bad, too hopeless, too late for Jesus to save. Read 1 Timothy 1:15; Romans 3:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17. For some, there was a time when they could not have imagined becoming a follower of Jesus. Now they have a seat at God's table. Share your story of how God found you and broke through your defenses. Who did God use to bring you home? Name some ways you can prepare for God to use you to lead someone else home to Jesus.

Who will you name as your "1"? Say a prayer for God to help you follow through on reaching out to your 1.

