

## Treated like Friends: Group Study

This Is Our Story: Week 1

Passage: Luke 15:1-10

Sermon Outline:

Jesus used stories to confront **assumptions about God** and to create a **new vision for discipleship**.

- A new understanding of **our lostness**.
- A new appreciation of **God's pursuit**.
- A new invitation to **eternal joy**.

Invitation: don't just **hear** the parable, **inhabit** the story.

## Discussion Questions from "This Is Our Story" Booklet

*Discussion helps are indented, italic, & blue.*

What is your favorite story, book or movie? Why does that story grasp you?

### ↑ **Discover the Way of Jesus**

*Each week, this section is supposed to figure out what the text is saying to us.*

Read verses 1-2. How would you describe the attitude of the Pharisees and scribes at the beginning of our passage? When have you had a similar attitude?

Now, read verses 3-10 and compare the two stories. What keywords and phrases are repeated?

How would you summarize the reason that Jesus told these two parables?

### ♥ **Nurture the Heart of Jesus**

How do you think this was received by the different groups of people listening to him?  
How would you feel if you were listening?

How can we become people who stop grumbling and nurture Jesus' heart of optimism and hope for people? How can we rejoice in repentance?

Maybe the first step is to remember that none of us can brag about being perfect. Spend some time reading Psalm 51 together (take turns reading a verse or two) and make this your prayer.

○ **Act for the Sake of the World**

*Each week, this section is where we try to put what we've talked about into action..*

Because of what God has been saying to you this week, what is one step of faith that you'd like to take?