

Luke 15

A great church welcomes everyone and welcomes everyone back!

God is not passive in helping people return.

We are called to be active agents in God's plan for his church.

Take personal responsibility to respond to God's leading

- **Attitude**
- **Words**
- **Actions**

Food for thought: Talking over the message helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

Can you remember a time when someone reached out to you with an invitation to come back into community in some way?

How did that invitation impact you? Did you respond?

What are some of the barriers people feel about coming back to church when they have been absent for a while?

How can the church help remove some of those barriers?

How can you personally help remove some of those barriers?

If God places someone on your heart and mind, do you have a responsibility to act in some way?

Stories of Restoration

Read Ezekiel 37:1-11

What does this unique story teach us about second chances?

Read Isaiah 29:11-13

What is God truly looking for in us when we worship him?

How do you think God will shake us up with wonder?

Read Philemon

How should we respond to people like Onesimus?

Is it easier said than done?

What does it cost us to give someone a new beginning?