

# Relational Evangelism

## Session 1

### What is Relational Evangelism and Why is it Effective?

Relational Evangelism is being \_\_\_\_\_ about bringing the \_\_\_\_\_ to someone in the context of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Relational Evangelism is \_\_\_\_\_: a majority of believers have come to faith in the context of a \_\_\_\_\_ of friends and family. Research indicates that at least \_\_\_\_\_ of all believers come to faith through a relationship with a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ member.



### Luke 15 Three Parables, One Lesson

Instructions: In small groups, discuss what can be learned about Relational Evangelism from your assigned parable. Use the question(s) accompanying your assigned parable to help stimulate your thinking and discussion. Record your most relevant insights in the space provided.

#### The Parable of the Lost Sheep - (Luke 15:1-7)

- Who did Jesus address in this parable according to verses 1 and 2?

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**The Parable of the Lost Coin - (Luke 15:8-10)**

- What causes the most rejoicing in heaven according to verses 9 and 10? Which is more important to God—a group of ninety believers faithfully worshipping Him or the repentance of one sinner (v. 9, 10)?

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**The Parable of the Lost Son - (Luke 15:11-32)**

- Was the complaint of the older brother justified (v. 29-30)? Did it match the heart of the father?
- What is the most common attitude in our churches toward outreach to the lost? Are our churches more like the father or the older brother?
- Are you willing to take a different stand, if necessary, to befriend and reach the lost?

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**General Application Questions:**

**Instructions:** In your small groups, discuss all of the following application questions.

- What do you think is the central lesson taught by all three parables?

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- How do we relate Luke 15 with the following verses? 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 John 2:15; 1 Corinthians 15:33

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- Which concerned Jesus more: the approval of the religious or the salvation of the lost?

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- What types of efforts will be necessary to establish communication and build relationships with non-Christians where you are planting a church?

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- What do these verses tell us about “Following Christ in Friendship”? Romans 5:6-8; John 15:13; Mark 10:45

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