

**Luke 15:1-10**

Humanity sees some \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>2</sup> *“This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”*

A sheep is \_\_\_\_\_ and a coin is \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>4 & 8</sup> *“... and loses one...”*

Every human is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>10</sup> *...there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

- Acts 10:34-35
- Romans 10:12
- I Corinthians 12:13
- Galatians 3:22, 26-29
- Matthew 28:19
- Revelation 7:9-10

**Takin’ it “to-go”:**

**HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT**  
**MLK Weekend: Sunday, January 17, 2021: “True Equality”**

***Thinking about it:***

What are some situations you can think of where someone’s selfish actions have impacted the life of someone else to the point where the “wounded” party’s life is adversely shaped by it for the rest of their life.

In your example(s), what kinds of challenges would that person face on a daily basis that are long-term effects of the way they were treated?

What if others around them, even unintentionally, live oblivious to their challenge and unknowingly shine light on the reality of the continuing struggle.

Although many people of color are incredibly successful... a majority of their community lives in the reality of unequal opportunity because of how they were treated not too long ago (*and still are in many places*). There is a gap between their socio-economic starting points compared to others. This gap often creates a cultural dynamic that is necessary to survive day-by-day, but also increases the difficulty to rise above in the future. They face fresh daily prejudices while living in the daily challenges they face from prejudices of old.

How do you think they feel when others are oblivious, indifferent, or even dubious about the reality they live in?

How can we know how they feel? (*Spoiler Alert: LISTEN to them and believe them*)

How can we help them see and experience their EQUAL VALUE IN GOD’S EYES?

**Read & Think:** *What do these passages say about equal value in God’s eyes and in our love for others?*

- I Timothy 2:1-7
  
- Psalm 34: 2, 6, 15, 18, 22
  
- Proverbs 21:10, 13, 15

**PRAY:** *Thank God for the “True Equality” of value He sees in each one of us! He saw EVERY individual as valuable enough to die for... and that is why YOU are included in the gift of salvation! Ask God to show you where/how you have turned an oblivious or dubious ear to the cries of God’s created humanity. Ask God to forgive you and to turn the light of His love on in your heart and your eyes! Ask Him to show you how to manifest that love to our world.*

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**Humanity sees some OF ITS OWN as LESSER.**

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**Every human is A CREATION of ETERNAL VALUE.**

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**Takin' it “to-go”: Lord, help me see EVERYONE through Your eyes!**