



## WEEK 2

### HERE TO SERVE: Outreach Priority\*

## Why Are We Called to Reach Out?

### How Did it Go?

Over last week, did you . . .

- Offer to do a task for your family like that no one likes to do, such as take out the trash?
- Ask a neighbor or friend to join you for Alpha starting September 29?
- Sign up to teach a Sunday School class, greet or usher at a worship service?
- Register to join the Local Partner Field Trip to the Nehemiah Center on September 22?
- Attend the September 18 Outreach Lunch & Learn?

If you didn't implement something from last week, what could you do differently this week so that you can?

### Watch

[Week 2 Video | Jesus in All of Luke, Video 12: Luke 15](#)

[Session Video](#) (4 minutes)

### Read

Read these verses out loud: Luke 15:1-7; Isaiah 1:27-28; James 5:19-20

### Discuss

**HEAD** (10–15 minutes)

1. How would you phrase these passages in your own words? What stands out to you?
2. What barriers do you face as you seek to rescue lost sheep in your life? What could you imagine Jesus saying to you about those barriers?
3. How does the theme of repentance in the Scriptural texts referenced (Luke, James, Isaiah) motivate you to seek the lost?

## HEART (15–20 minutes)

1. How do you feel about improving your outreach to family, neighbors, community, city, the world? Does that feel intimidating? Exciting? Humbling?
2. Where are you naturally drawn to witness to the Good News?
3. How might God be calling you to be part of the work of evangelism in your family, workplace, community, city, world?

## HANDS (10 minutes)

Brainstorm ways that you can reflect the love of God and draw people to Jesus today. Here are some possibilities:

1. **Your family:** Be available to listen, answer questions, and encourage family members in their faith.
2. **Your community:** Ask a neighbor or a friend who is curious about your faith to join you for Alpha starting October 6th at 7pm with dinner for 8 weeks. Alpha is a listening community designed to help participants explore questions about faith in a non-judging space. Everyone is welcome in this safe discussion space. For more information contact Assistant Pastor of Outreach, Emmanuel Paulpeter at [epaulpeter@fpchouston.org](mailto:epaulpeter@fpchouston.org).
  - a. Pray for our church to invite their non-Christian or Christian-but-searching friends to Alpha.
  - b. Pray for skeptics and seekers who come to the movie group, Ted Talk group, and Taco group to be willing to try Alpha.
  - c. Pray for this Alpha to be a space where we will have at least ten beginnings of people's journey of faith towards the love of Jesus.
3. **Your church:** Help make FPC a welcoming church by signing up to be a greeter or usher at a worship service. For more information, Director of Connections, Cheryl Christie [christie@fpchouston.org](mailto:christie@fpchouston.org) (greeting, ushering).
4. **Your city:** Plan to join the one-hour Local Partner Field Trip on September 22 midday to the Nehemiah Center, which is within walking distance from FPC. Other midday Local Partner Field Trips are offered October 27 (Restoring Justice), November 17 (Open Door Mission), and January 26 (Houston Welcomes Refugees). Visit this link to register for these and other local service opportunities that fit individuals, families, and groups: <https://fpchouston.org/serve/ways-to-serve/upcoming-opportunities/>.
5. **The world:** Discuss your takeaways from the September 18 Outreach Lunch & Learn. Pray for missionaries spreading the good news of Jesus Christ in hostile places such as Iran.

\*To learn more about the Outreach Priority, visit:

<https://fpchouston.org/about/our-vision/outreach-priority/>