

CONFLICT(ED)

pursuing peace in
a cancel culture

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss what it means for believers to care for one another. Discover ways your group can avoid neglecting other believers. Motivate each other to pursue those who have wandered away.

ICE BREAKER



Does your family have any pets? Describe a time when something went wrong and it took a lot to take care of them.

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Matthew 18:10-14 ESV

¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: God demands that his children watch out for one another. **(Lost in the Crowd)**

Key Question: What is my responsibility for the other Christians in this community?

1. Don't neglect some of the sheep. (vv. 10-11)
2. Pursue the sheep who wandered away. (vv. 12-14)

DISCUSSION



- What value does Jesus give the “little ones” in verse 10. What does this reveal about God’s character towards those who may be forgotten or marginalized?
- Have you neglected anyone who is a part of the faith? Is there room for restoration in that relationship?
- Read verses 12-13 again. To what ends is God willing to save the one who went astray? In your own life, how have you seen God going through great lengths to save you?
- Do you think it takes any measure of faith to leave the 99 in order to save the 1? What does this look like in the church?
- Jesus reveals the active will of the Father to pursue those who are lost in verse 14. How can Jesus’ saving work in your own life motivate you to help others in your life who are lost? Share with the group those in your life who are lost. How can you be like the man in this parable to pursue them?

LIFE APPLICATION



Today we discussed how we should care for one another in the body of Christ. Reflect upon those who may have wandered away from the church or even your life group. Actively pursue those who have lost connection with the community of faith.

Write down the names of those who you can reach out to this week. Shoot them a text or give them a call to let them know you were thinking about them. Pray for them this week, and ask that God would be a light in their life this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


