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**Getting to Know You (5-10 minutes):**

Since we are using Luke 15 (Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son), are you the person in your family who is always losing/misplacing stuff OR the one who is always finding it for someone else?

**Discussion and Application Questions from the Message (30-35 minutes):**

1. Read Luke 15:1-24. What is the context of Jesus telling these parables? What stands out to you about JOY from this passage? Had you noticed before how prevalent a theme that joy is in these parables?
2. How does joy differ from happiness? How do they overlap?

Today's sermon shared 5 Daily Choices to Grow Joy:

1. Look with hope.
  2. Share grace/mercy freely.
  3. Welcome radically with affection.
  4. Give sacrificially.
  5. Celebrate others always.
3. These were based on clues from the words about and said by the Father in the last parable. Discuss how you see the Father illustrating each of these 5 in the story. (ex: I see the Father welcoming radically with affection by...)
  4. Discuss real life examples of how someone could make choices to put each of these 5 choices into practice in their daily life and why you think they would lead to growing in joy. (ex: I can choose to celebrate others by....)
  5. What is one of the 5 choices that I can work on making every day this week that will help me grow joy in my life? Share it with the group and why you picked that one.