

## Good News in Word

### Leader notes:

- This should be the **second study** in the “Life on Mission” series.
- The following goals are intended to help you as a leader know where the study is going, and are not part of the group study itself.

### Goals:

- To understand that the story of Jesus needs to be shared for people to come to know and trust in Jesus.
- To inspire and equip people to share the story about Jesus in the context of genuine caring friendships.
- Our hope is not to turn people into evangelism projects nor end up with a private faith that isn't part of all the relationships in our lives. Rather, we desire to integrate our faith with every relationship in our lives.
- To understand the importance of relationships in someone coming to Christ.
- To understand that trusting Jesus is often a process and not simply a one time event.

### Hook

- Share about a time when someone told you a big piece of news that impacted your life.
- What was the best phone call you have ever received?

### Book

- Read Luke 5:27 - 31
  - Who did Jesus hang around with in this passage?
    - Who else do you know that Jesus hung around with?
  - Why does he say he hung around those he did?
  - What did Jesus do with those he hung around with?
  - Why did Jesus upset the religious leaders so much?
- Read Luke 15:1 - 10
  - How does Jesus speak about the Good News to the tax collectors and sinners?
  - How would you describe Jesus' communication strategy? Is it formal or informal? Academic or storytelling?
  - What vision of God does Jesus share with them?
  - How do Jesus' actions and words about God align?

### Look

- What is something that someone told you about Jesus that changed your life?
- What key friendships or relationships influenced you into becoming a Christian or deeply influenced your walk with Jesus?
- Who have you known that modeled graceful and wise talking about faith? What was that like?

## **Took**

- List out all your relational areas of life (family, work friends, school friends, neighbors, etc).
  - What are places or who are people that feed into your faith?
  - Where are places that you hope you are modeling and speaking Christ's love to?
  - Are there places you want to be more intentional about? Where are those and what might that look like?
- Do you have many friendships with people who have different beliefs than you?
  - If not, how might you open yourself to more friendships with those who have different beliefs than you?
  - If you do have friendships with those of different beliefs, what is the nature of those friendships? How did you become friends?
  - Are spiritual conversations part of this friendship? Why or why not?
  - What would it look like for you to be curious about how they see the spiritual things this week? How might you start by asking about how they see spiritual things?
  - Sometimes we can not know how to talk about faith and so just end up hiding it. What would it look like for you to simply begin by naturally mentioning faith in your own life this week? For example, just as you would with another Christian include things like "This Sunday at church..." or "I was sharing with my small group..." or "I was praying this morning..."
- Who has this study made you want to pray for? What does it make you want to pray?

## **Pray**