

SERMON SERIES: Hills We Die On

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Sermon Title:

“ONE over the 99”

Introduction

We are in the final week of our series, “Hills We Die On”. This week we explored how we will remain a people focused on the ONE over the 99. In Jesus’ parable of the Good Shepherd, we get to see the joy that comes when we get the one to return to the flock.

- Share a personal experience about losing something valuable and the lengths you went to recover it. How did you feel when you found it?

Seek the Word

- Read Luke 15:1-4. Jesus is condemned by the Pharisees for eating with sinners, for which Jesus teaches this parable. What does this parable reveal about God's relentless pursuit of each individual, especially those who have strayed from God?
- Read Luke 15:5-7. Why does Jesus emphasize the joy in heaven over one sinner repenting? How does this impact our perspective on evangelism and reaching out to the lost?

Go Deeper

Read Matthew 28:19-20. How does the Great Commission align with the concept of leaving the ninety-nine to find the one? In what ways can we practically apply this command in our lives?

Talk About It

- How can we ensure that, as a group, we don't forget the "lost" nature of humanity, even if we've been followers of Jesus for a long time? Share practical ideas.
- Who is your "ONE," and how can the group support and pray for you as you seek to share your faith with them?
- Discuss the upcoming changes in service locations and times. How can your small group contribute to making the transition smoother and more welcoming, especially for newcomers?

Wrap Up

Reminder: When we lose something of value, we are consumed with what is lost.

Challenge: This week, collectively as a group, pray for the church's growth and the individuals who have yet to get to know Christ. Pray that your group can make an impact on those who are far from God.