

# Created for Significance

WHAT MATTERS TO

*GOD?*

## WEEK 2: WHAT MATTERS TO GOD?

- Read the Bible from cover to cover, and you'll find that it pictures God in search mode.

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1. The first category of people that God is searching for are what He calls, *the fully committed*.

- The first kind is the kind He *can use*.

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- Luke 15 explains why God is searching for fully committed people.
- He asks them a question about doing something they would never do.

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- He leaves them in potential *danger* to go and find the one that's lost.
- Some scholars think this woman's coins represent her dowry, her *bride-price*.

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- a. The plot line involves something lost.
- b. What is lost really matters to the hero of the story.

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c. When what was lost is found, the hero is so happy, they throw a party to express their joy .

d. The hero is someone who wouldn't really be admired by most religious leaders.

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- You have Jesus standing in front of a group of long-standing religious types, who think they have figured out what really matters to God.



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- They see themselves as the fully committed.
- Then He tells them about lost things that matter to people they don't admire.

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2. The Second type of people that God longs for and searches for are those who are lost.

- And the fully committed are not proud, self-conscious, religious types who think that the most important thing is their religious life.

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- a. Lost people *matter* to God so much, that He's on an all-out search to find them.
- b. The fully committed are those who understand this and rejoice with God when He finds what is lost, so much so that they *join* the all-out search as well.

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- He is enlisting all of His other children who are willing to join the search.
- The problem was that I thought serving Him fully, meant serving His already-saved sheep.

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- The casual Christian and the committed Christian.