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Five Things:

1. **True or False** Loving Jesus the most means loving others less.

Actually, Jesus want us to love our parents and family as much as we possibly can and on top of that love HIM MORE.

2. **Q&A:** Why does he tell his disciples they must "carry their own cross?" Are all of Jesus' disciples going to die on a cross too?

(Answer) Because the cross is how Jesus _____, he is using the word to mean death. He is telling his disciples to _____ to their own way by not living like they are their own boss anymore but live like Jesus would live.

3. **True or False** People would naturally and instinctively live like Jesus.

4. **Q&A:** What does it mean to "count the cost" before you start a construction project or any project?

(Answer) If you don't have all the materials or enough money to buy them Your will not be able to _____ your project. How is this like following Jesus?

5. Are people who are not willing to live like Jesus says to live actually his disciples (followers)?

Explore: Luke 14:34 *Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its _____, how do you make it salty again?*

Express: People who say they _____ Jesus but don't actually _____ him are not actually his disciples.

Conclusion: If someone put dirt in your salt shaker, would your food taste very good? If you put salt from a salt shaker on your food, you expect _____ to come out. JUST LIKE if we say we follow Jesus, then how he lives should be how we live. NO one will want to follow Jesus if they see people who claim to follow him acting nothing like him.

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Q: Have you ever lost something? How did you find it? How did you feel when you found it?

Read Luke 15:1-10

Five Things: (circle the best answer)

- 1. How do shepherds treat their sheep?
cruelly/they ignore them/care for them very much
- 2. How does a shepherd feel when he finds his lost sheep?
doesn't care/watch the others closer/desperate to find it
- 3. Does he share his good news with others? Why?
he is so happy/he wants them to be jealous/he doesn't care
- 4. Why does Jesus use "lost sheep" to describe sinners?
sheep are stupid/Jesus wants to gather us all
- 5. What does Jesus want for ALL sinners?
be shepherds/belong to Jesus/do what they want

Explore: Luke 15:10

In the same way, there is _____ in the presence of God's angels when even one _____ repents.

Express:

Jesus came so that _____ people could be saved. He doesn't want anyone to _____ in their sins. And all of heaven is _____ over every single person that repents of their sins and follows Jesus.

Explain: 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is being patient for your sake. He does not want _____ to be destroyed, but wants _____ to repent.

How does this verse apply to Luke 15:10?

Conclusion:

- 1. How did you feel when you found the thing you lost?
- 2. How does God feel about us when we come back to him?
- 3. How does all of heaven respond to YOU belonging to God?

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Read Matthew 20:1-16.

Seven Things: (Underline the correct response)

1. The landowner hired workers and then after a few hours he let them go **OR** he hired more workers?
2. At lunchtime he let all the workers go
OR did he hire more workers to join the others?
3. When the workday was almost over did he let everyone go home early
OR did he still hire MORE workers?
4. Why did he keep hiring workers all day?

According to verse 7&15, He is _____ and wanted everyone to work and have money!

5. Why were the workers who had been there all day angry when the workers who only worked one hour got the same pay?
6. How did the owner respond?
7. How is the land owner like Jesus?

Explore: Matthew 20:16 *So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.*

Express:

1. The Bible Experts thought they were more important to _____ than people who couldn't study scripture all day.
2. They were very _____ to hear Jesus explain that they are not extra special to God.
3. They are jealous that God has forgiveness and mercy for people who they don't think _____ it.
4. They are unwilling to realize that EVERYONE is a _____ including themselves.

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