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Part 2: *Wider Isn't Optional*

Big Idea

If we're not reaching, we're retreating.

Key Scriptures

- **Luke 15**
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Discussion Questions

- What's the most random thing you've lost that drove you crazy until you found it?
- Who in your life is known for being a "finder of lost things"?
- When have you felt found—either by a friend, a group, or God?
- What stood out to you most from Chris's message this week?
- Chris said every church drifts without intentional effort. Why do you think that happens? What are signs that a church—or a person—might be drifting?

- Talk through these “drift statements”—which one hits home for you, and why?
 - Toward insiders and away from outsiders
 - Toward law and away from grace
 - Toward preserving and away from advancing
 - Toward comfort and away from calling
- **Read Luke 15**
 - What stands out to you from the passage? What questions does it raise for you?
 - Why do you think the religious leaders were offended by Jesus spending time with “sinners”?
 - 4. In verses 3–7, Jesus compares the lost person to a sheep. What does that imagery reveal about God’s character?
 - 5. In the story of the lost coin (vv. 8–10), what details stand out to you? What does the woman’s search teach us about spiritual pursuit?
 - 6. Read Luke 15:11–32 (The Prodigal Son). Which character do you relate to most right now—the younger son, the older brother, or the father?
 - 7. In verses 20–24, what’s surprising about the father’s response? What do you think Jesus wanted His audience to feel in that moment?
 - 8. Why do you think the older brother struggles with the father’s forgiveness and celebration in verses 28–32? What does that say about human nature—and church culture?
- Who’s someone in your life that you would consider “the one” God might be inviting you to reach out to?
- Jesus says all of heaven rejoices when even one person returns to God. What does that tell you about His priorities—and ours?
- When was the last time you prayed specifically for someone far from faith? What’s stopping you from doing that regularly?
- Chris said, “Wider starts when you widen your circle.” What could that look like practically in your week?

 **Challenge Question (For Takeaway):**

Write down the name of one person you can pray for and pursue this week.

Ask God: **“Who’s my one?”** Then ask, **“What’s my next step toward them?”**