



**LEADER PAGE | STAND ALONE SERMON | WEEK 1 of 1 | Sermon date: 10/3/21**

**Discipleship Phrase:** God's best comes at a higher cost.

**Big Idea for Series:** I must decrease so that He can increase.

**Abiding** (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

This week's sermon looks at the cost of following Jesus. What does it look like for Christ and His Spirit to increase in your life? God's desire is to have all of Him in all of you. What needs to change in you so that your desires align to God's purpose? How can you move to a place in your heart to pray, "God, I want all of You in all of me"? As you search your heart, think of those areas that you might still be grasping tightly to and not inviting God into every part of you. Are you willing to decrease your expectations, your comfort, your success – and turn it all over to Jesus so that He can "increase"?

**Leading** (*facilitate your group effectively*)

As you lead through group this week, consider all that you've "lost" intentionally in order to find your life in Christ. There is a real cost in following Jesus and as spiritual parents, Life Group leaders more than likely are intimately acquainted with that cost. Be willing to share with your group how tough it was to pay that cost. If you're still fighting that fight, be upfront about that as well, your group will respect you more for it. Also, during the discussion time, be bold enough to speak into some areas where you might be noticing a group member who is also struggling with "letting go" of certain areas of their lives. How can you ask good follow up questions to get them to arrive at the conclusion that losing their life to Jesus, is really to find it to the fullest?

**Shepherding** (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

What's the price you're willing to pay to make Christ the center of your life; because if you're following closely...it will (and should) cost you something. The conversation you will be engaging with inside your group this week is likely going to be very telling as to where your members are in terms of spiritual health. As they share with you their truths, listen carefully. Be ready to follow up with every person who shared. If you notice hesitancy in conversation/sharing this week, make sure to reach out to those individuals as well. Ask if you could partner with them in accountability in "losing themselves" along the way.

**Church Announcements** (*be in the know & share with your group*)

- Rock Solid Men's Conference October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9 PM and October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM-12 PM. We will explore Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Click [here](#) to register!

**REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."**

# LifeGroups at Southeast



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**Welcome/Introductions** (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

**Open in Prayer** (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

**Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows** (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

**Weekly Vision Checklist** (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

**Ask a Hook Question** (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*)  
Have you ever been lost?

**Recap the Message** (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week’s message*)

**Scriptures References** (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)  
**Luke 15: 11-32 (ESV), Luke 15: 8-10 (ESV), Luke 15:1-7 (ESV), Luke 14:33 (NLT)**

**Implications** (*takeaways from the message*)

1. God cares enough to lead you when you feel lost.
2. Finding what is lost matters to God.
3. What you’re willing to lose also matters to Jesus.
4. Rejoice in finding God’s best for you, all of Heaven does.

**Discussion Questions** (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Read Matthew 10:39. What do you think Jesus meant by that?
2. What is it that you are holding onto so tightly that you don’t want to let go of?
3. What part of your life do you need to lose intentionally so that God will replace it purposefully?
4. Name someone you can ask to hold you accountable to helping you let that go.

**Prayer Requests** (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

**Closing Prayer** (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)

