



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **"The Lost Sheep of Israel" (Matthew 18:10-14)**

Date: **March 7, 2021**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible passage this week?
2. Who are the little ones described in verse 10? How does the context of this passage help us arrive at this conclusion? Why is it wrong to despise the little ones?
3. How does the community of the church differ from the ways of the world? How is the church supposed to be a hospital for sinners? What does that look like?
4. Who are the angels? What Scriptures can you use to describe what angels are really like?
5. What does it mean that the angels are looking to God's face? How do the angels guard us?
6. Why does the shepherd leave the 99 to go after the 1 that went astray? Why are the sheep so valuable to the shepherd?
7. What are the implications of this parable for pastors and shepherds in the church? How do they bear a special and increased responsibility to the sheep? Use Scripture to support your answer.
8. Explain verse 14. How does God's grace keep us? Why is God's grace necessary for our perseverance?
9. What are some examples of how people might become a stumbling block to those who have child-like faith? According to verse 6, what happens to people who stand in the way of child-like faith?