

**STUDY GUIDE:**

March 2, 2025

Message Series:

Out of the Ordinary

Message Title:

Worthy of His Love

Teaching Pastor:

Ellis Hopson

Warm-up/Icebreaker: (10 min.)

Describe a situation in which you were geographically lost? How did you find your way?

Pray:

Dear Lord, sometimes we feel like we are lost. Or perhaps we've been living lost but have been unaware. Other times we watch friends and family wander away and it's painful. We are grateful for this time to help remember that You are our Savior, our guiding force. Please help us to sense Your presence and peace and to trust in You, despite the circumstances in which we find ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Get Started: (30 - 40 min.)

"In his book, *The Light in the Heart*, author Roy T. Bennett says, "Some things can not be taught. They must be experienced." I would certainly agree. In fact, I would double down and say we are significantly and profoundly formed by our experiences." -Pastor Ellis Hopson

- Describe an early life experience that you would describe as having significantly shaped you either for the good or for the bad.

Read Luke 15:1-7 & Ezekiel 34:11-12.

- Have you ever experienced being "lost" spiritually? How did you find your way back?
- In what ways do we sometimes act like the Pharisees?
- How can we seek out and help "lost" people in our own lives?

Reflect and Commit: (30 min.)**Read John 4:1-26.**

- What does the concept of living water mean to you?
- How does Jesus' approach to the Samaritan woman show both truth and grace? How can we apply that in our own relationships?
- How does Jesus' message that true worshippers worship God in spirit and truth apply to your life?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

- What types of prayer does Paul encourage in verse 1? How are they different?
- In verses 3-4, what does Paul say about God's desire for all people? How does this reflect His character?
- What does verse 5 teach about Jesus being the one mediator between God and humanity? Why is this significant?

"There's NOTHING that disqualifies you from knowing and having a relationship with God. He knows everything you've ever done - all the good, and all the bad. And no matter what it is, He wants you. Right here, today. So I want to invite you - come and see a God who knew everything I've ever done, and still wanted me. Come and see a God who knows everything YOU'VE ever done, and still wants you. Because no matter what you've done before, or where you are today - God is ready and waiting to quench your thirst. You don't have to draw water from the well of life to fill your jar. Because there's nothing better than the living, holy water, that God is waiting to offer you." -Pastor Ellis Hopson

Gather prayer requests and pray. (5-10 min.)

Pray:

Dear Lord, we acknowledge that we can easily prefer the easy road and end up wandering away from You and our faith. Our sin separates us from You, yet You search, pursue, and rescue us. You love us with an everlasting and unconditional love providing us with spiritual refreshment. Help us to slow down, reflect and understand how much You desire a relationship, and we ask that You fill us with that same desire towards You. May we receive, and also give, the gift of Your forgiveness and join You in Your pursuit of those who are lost. In Jesus' name. Amen.