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# "No Sheep Left Behind"

Matthew 18:10-14

#### Today's BIG IDEA:

Every believer is precious to Jesus and should be precious to us, too.

### 1. Christlike ministry involves angelic

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(Psalm 91:11-12)

• The opposite of looking down on other believers is lifting them up.

### 3. Christlike ministry involves jubilant

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(Luke 15:25-32)

• When a believer returns to Christ, we should be joyful, not judgmental.

# 4. Christlike ministry involves insistent

(v.11,14) (Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)

• We shouldn't check on wandering believers out of legalism. We should do it out of love.

#### 2. Christlike ministry involves pastoral

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(Luke 15:3-7; Galatians 6:1-2)

• We cannot claim to love Jesus and ignore when other Christians are sinning, struggling, or suffering.

#### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. In what ways can we "despise" other Christians? How can we be more intentional to support those who are struggling?
- 2. What is your first response when another believer wanders from the faith? What will it require for us to respond like Christ?
- 3. How can we avoid being legalistic as we hold other believers accountable? What does a Christlike balance of grace and accountability look like?