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A photograph of a man with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a tan robe with a blue sash, standing and gesturing with his hands towards a large crowd of people. The crowd is composed of many individuals, mostly men, wearing head coverings like headscarves or turbans. The background shows some trees and a bright, possibly overcast sky.

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Jesus,
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Luke 15 (ESV)

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Jesus said in **Luke 7** (ESV)

22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. **23** And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Jesus said in **Luke 7** (ESV)

28b Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29 (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, **30** but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

Jesus said in **Luke 7** (ESV)

31 "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? 32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,
"'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'

Jesus said in **Luke 7** (ESV)

33 For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' 34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' 35 Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

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Romans 5 (ESV)

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Luke 7:36-50

Luke 7 (ESV)

47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

48 And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

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Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree

planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

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2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

BREAKOUT QUESTIONS:

1. Go around the group and share if you could have 1 hour with Jesus what kind of questions would you like to ask Him?
2. Why is it that Jesus was a friend of sinners but many Christians have very few unbelieving friends? Do you have friends who are not believers?
3. Who can you invite to next Sunday's Greatest of All Time Life Gathering? Make a list. Call/text, or set up a time with them to connect.

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