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# Session Three

**Jesus is alive –  
go and tell my brothers.**

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# Jesus is alive



# Eric's Story



# Jesus is alive



**‘As I walked past the church that day the new sign struck me – it just said: “For sinners only.” I felt as though someone had put it there for me.’**



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## Scripture:

Luke 15:1-7

**And when he comes home,  
he calls together his  
friends and neighbours,  
saying to them, “Rejoice  
with me, for I have found  
my sheep that was lost.”**





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**“Sometimes as a Church we have devoted the majority of our efforts to looking after the ninety-nine sheep safe in the fold. Today the majority of those who might be described as ‘lost sheep’ are perhaps too often left to fend for themselves.”**





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## Questions to ponder

**What can we learn from Eric's story  
and from the scripture reflection?**

**Have you ever lost your way in life?  
What brought you back to God?**

**Who do you think are the people  
the Good Shepherd is seeking out today?**

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From  
**“The Joy of the  
Gospel”**  
by Pope Francis





Whenever we encounter  
another person in love,  
we learn something new  
about God.

Whenever our eyes are opened  
to acknowledge the other,  
we grow in the light of faith  
and knowledge of God.

(272)







All this demands on the part of the evangeliser certain attitudes which foster openness to the message: approachability, readiness for dialogue, patience, a warmth and welcome which is non-judgmental. (165)





1. Pope Francis said: Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. (272)

What do you understand by these words and how might you respond to them each day?

2. Pope Francis recommends: certain attitudes and attributes as critical for sharing the Good News: approachability, patience, dialogue, warmth and welcome which is non-judgemental. (165)

As you look back on your life this week, which of these are you aware of and which do you need to develop?

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**Take a moment to pray**

**Be still  
and know  
that you are  
in the presence of God.**

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**We pray for everyone who is feeling lost today:  
for people who find no meaning to their lives,  
for people suffering from addiction,  
for those seeking happiness  
in destructive and unfulfilling ways,  
for those who feel isolated and insignificant.**

**We pray for everyone who is a follower of Jesus.  
We ask for His help to be like our Good Shepherd,  
to seek out those who are lost.  
May we be used as instruments  
to help them find their way home to Him.**

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**Loving Lord Jesus,  
You are the source of Truth and Life.  
Through the grace of our baptism,  
and in response to your Word,  
May we be compelled  
to respectfully and joyfully  
reach out to everyone we meet  
with compassion,  
Always attentive to those in our midst  
most in need of help.  
Amen.**

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