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Ice Breaker: What did you eat for lunch on Mother's Day?

Key Scriptures: Luke 10: 38-42, Genesis 1:26-27, 1 Peter 2:1-3, Deuteronomy 4:15-16, Isaiah 49:15, Matthew 23:37, Psalm 17:8, Hosea 13:8, Luke 15:8-10

Key Takeaways:

- God is fully encompassing in all that is male but yet also all that is female. We can tend to think of God as only the Father, but God also has a mother's heart. It's not to say that he is female, but that he fully encompasses everything wonderful and beautiful about both male and female.
- There's a lot of feminine language used to describe God. (Examples: Deuteronomy 4:15-16, Isaiah 49:15, Matthew 23:37, Psalm 17:8, Hosea 13:8) We are called to honor both the male language used to describe God, but also the feminine language used to describe God. We need to remind ourselves that it is not lesser.
- In the parable of the lost coin, the God character is represented as a female. Jesus was telling us that God's heart is like the female who is longing for the lost coin, searching and searching until it is found. God is the Father God who has a mother's heart. He is both creator and caregiver, he is the savior and the sustainer.
- Why is it then that when God is incarnated by Jesus, why is he a male? Everyone was shocked when Jesus was washing feet, serving others, etc. This would have been very normal for woman to do. For a man who had the power, to use his power to serve one another and tell us to do the same, this was a powerful paradigm shift.

Discussion:

1. What did you find intriguing about Chris' message this week?
2. Was this week's message a new concept to you, or is this something you've already been familiar with?
3. Do you think of God as only the Father, or is it easy for you to see God having a mother's heart?