

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“The Searching God”

First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu

The Week of Sept. 29, 2013

The Rev. Dr. Steve Schibsted (guest preacher)

MESSAGE FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP:

Our 40-Day fast for the fall starts Sat, Oct 19th, and will go all the way to Wed, Nov 27, the day before Thanksgiving. Be praying now to get a sense of what the Lord may be leading you to fast from—a meal, a food item, a beverage, or an activity—that, if you skip it, will prompt you to pray and read the Bible.

Join us on this 40-day fast as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season.

- 1) What was your perception of God before you committed your life to Him? What is your perception of Him today?
- 2) Read Luke 15:1-7. What prompted Jesus to tell the parable? Who was he directing it to?
- 3) What was Jesus trying to say through the parable about the true nature of God?
- 4) What two qualities of God did guest preacher Pastor Steve Schibsted highlight in his sermon? Elaborate on each.
- 5) Who are the “99 righteous persons who need no repentance” that Jesus referred to in verse 7?
- 6) Sheep have a tendency to wander off from the herd and not even be aware that they’re lost. Similarly, people who have already committed to following God still have a tendency to wander off from Him, on a daily basis even. Why is that?
- 7) How does God draw us back to Himself?
- 8) What is your take-away from this passage?