

Peoples Church Small Group Questions
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Restless: Lost
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LOOKING BACK: Luke 15:1-2

In the Bible, Jesus had visceral reactions to people in need. Matthew 9:36 says, “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

In Luke 15, Jesus tells the story of the lost sheep and the lost coin. Both stories of the owner searching fervently for what they’ve lost.

1. Why do you think it was so important for the sheep/woman to search for the things they’d lost, when the shepherd still had 99 sheep and the woman had other gold coins? How does that translate into how God feels about us?
2. At the end of the story of the prodigal son, the father runs to his son when he sees him walking down the road. Knowing that in this story the father represents God, what does this mean to you?

DIGGING DEEPER: In God’s sight, we are all lost.

Maybe you’ve walked away. Maybe someone in the church has hurt you. Maybe you’ve been lost through your own rebellion. But God wants every one of His children to be found.

3. When Jesus was telling these parables to the crowd, there were both sinners and religious leaders. Who do you think was more engaged in what Jesus was saying? Why?

TAKING IT HOME

4. Do you identify more with the tax collectors and sinners/prodigal son, or with the religious people/older son?