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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Sermon Series: Tell Someone: Living the Good News

Sermon Title: God's Heart for the Lost

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7, 2 Peter 3:9

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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Sermon Notes
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The Heart of the Gospel

Big Idea

God pursues people far from Him - so should we.

Luke 15:1-7, 2 Peter 3:9

The Pharisees divided people into two classes.

The lost sheep would never save himself, or find the shepherd himself. If the shepherd did not take action, the sheep was doomed. -David Guzik

Rejoice with me!

Party in Heaven
when one person repents!!

Any perceived delay from our perspective is due to the longsuffering of God, who allows people as much time as possible to repent. -David Guzik

It is the same thought as expressed in
Ezekiel 33:11 - As surely as I live, says the
Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death
of wicked people. I only want them to turn from
their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn
from your wickedness, O people of Israel!
Why should you die?

Sermon Questions

Icebreaker: Have you ever lost something important—like your keys, phone, or even a pet—and felt the relief of finding it again? What did that moment feel like?

1. Read Luke 15:1–2. Why is it significant that this parable begins with Jesus welcoming tax collectors and sinners? How does this setting shape the meaning of the story that follows?
2. How does the shepherd's persistence in searching for the lost sheep reflect God's character?
3. Consider the word "lost". In the context of the parable, what does it mean to be "lost"? How is this different from merely being "bad" or "wayward"?
4. When the shepherd finds the sheep, he "joyfully puts it on his shoulders" (v. 5). What does this image reveal about God's tenderness and the personal cost of rescuing the lost?
5. In verse 7, Jesus says "there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!" Why do you think heaven celebrates repentance so passionately?
6. 2 Peter 3:9 says God "does not want anyone to be destroyed but wants everyone to repent." Why do some still reject Him? What does this tension reveal about His love and justice?
7. When you think of the "lost" today, who comes to mind—both personally and in the wider world? How might God be calling you to care about them as He does?
8. In both passages, God is portrayed as patient, persistent, and joyful in pursuit. How might meditating on these qualities change the way we view those who seem far from faith—or even our own spiritual wanderings?
9. If we were to reflect God's heart from these two passages, what practical steps might our group or church take to seek, welcome, and rejoice over the "lost" today?