

**Reflecting on “Lost & Found—  
The Parables of the Sheep, Coin, and Sons”  
Luke 15 | March 10, 2024**

7) **Read Luke 15:25-32.** What sin does the older brother commit in this parable? How is the response of the older brother similar to how the Pharisees treated Jesus?

8) Summarize the main thought of these parables in your own words.

**Discussion Questions**

1) **Read Luke 15:1-3.** This passage opens with an interesting problem: As the “tax collectors and sinners” draw near to listen to Jesus, the religious elite complain because Jesus actually welcomes the outcasts of society.

If we are to truly learn the lesson of these parables, we need to ask ourselves, “What types of people might we struggle to welcome into our church?”

After honestly assessing your heart, respectfully discuss why you might struggle to worship standing alongside certain types of people.

2) At a fundamental level, what do the scribes and Pharisees have in common with the thieves and sinners they sought to distance themselves from?

3) **Read Luke 15:4-7 and Luke 19:1-10.** The latter passage tells the story of how a real tax collector repented of his sin. Describe biblical repentance based on the example of Zacchaeus.

4) **Read Luke 15:6-7, 9-10.** In each of these parables, there is a celebration after that which was lost is found. Jesus tells us these occasions picture the "joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." What are some things that bring you the level of joy expressed by the shepherd and woman? How much does the gospel excite you?

5) **Read Luke 15:11-32.** If these parables illustrate God's pursuit of sinners, what does the parable of the two sons teach us about God's work through the circumstances of our lives?

6) **Read Luke 15:11-24.** Describe the love of the father in this parable. What, if any, of his actions surprise you? How does this father emulate the love of God?

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**Ezekiel 34:16**

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed,  
and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen  
the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy.

I will feed them in justice.

## ***Welcome***

Thank you for joining us this morning. Each week, we pray that God will transform lives by the power of the gospel for His glory. Whether you are a long-time member or first-time guest, a committed believer, or someone who questions Christianity, we want you to know you are welcome, and we pray you are blessed during your time with us. Please contact a pastor, greeter, or usher if we can assist you.

## ***Monthly Memory Verses***

**John 11:25-26** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

## ***Easter Outreach***

We are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for our community on Sunday, March 24, immediately after our morning service. (We will not hold Sunday School or Life Groups that day, but we will have our regular evening ministries.) We are also in need of pre-packaged candy donations and planning an "egg-stuffing party" on Wednesday, March 20. See Billy or Lauren Smith with interest in participating.

## ***Calvary Calendar***

**Tonight** AWANA, Youth Groups, Ladies' Bible Study (5:00 PM)  
**Mon, Mar 11** Men's Bible Study (5:30 PM)  
**Wed, Mar 13** Ladies' Bible Study (10:00 AM)  
**Sat, Mar 23** AWANA Grand Prix (9:30 AM-Noon)  
**Sun, Mar 24** High School Retreat (Leave Church at 8:00 AM)  
**Fri, Mar 29** Good Friday Service (6:30 PM)

## ***Order of Service***

### **Call to Worship**

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

### **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

### **Congregational Hymns**

*His Mercy is More*  
*My Savior's Love*

### **Offering & Announcements**

### **Congregational Hymns**

*I Am His & He is Mine*  
*Amazing Grace*

### **Message\***

*"Lost & Found: Parables of the Sheep, Coin, and Sons"*  
*Luke 15*  
*Pastor Jeremy Barbrow*

### **The Lord's Supper**

### **Closing Hymn & Benevolence Offering**

*The Everlasting Love of God*

### **Benediction**

*\*Children ages 4-8 are dismissed to Children's Church*