

This Week's Message: *What Matters to God?*

Passage: *Luke 15:1-10*

Key Takeaways:

God is on an all-out search for two kinds of people:

First, He is looking for the Fully Committed (*See the story of King Asa in II Chronicles 14:9-12, 16:7-9*)

Jesus describes the 2nd Kind of Person in 3 Parables in Luke 15

- (1) Each plot line involves something that is lost.** (*Lost sheep, coin, & son*)
- (2) Each involves the loss of an item that matters to the Hero of the story.**
- (3) Each recovered item results in a party.**
- (4) Each hero wouldn't have been admired by the religious leaders.**

Jesus is saying there are two types of people He is looking for.

(1) The Fully Committed. (2) Those who are lost.

- *Lost people matter to God so much that He's on a search for them!*
- *The fully committed are those who join Jesus in His mission and celebrate it.*

Two Types of Christians: The Casual & The Committed

Two Types of the Lost: Those who are looking & Those who aren't

Questions to Think On & Discuss:

(1) What was the point Jesus was trying to make in the parables that He told the Pharisees?

(2) What areas of your life have you allowed others to take up the fight that Jesus has called you to? Are you fully committed or not?

(3) Jesus was drawing the Pharisees' attention his deep compassion for the lost. What would it look like for our church to become consumed with what really matters to Christ?

(4) Now make it personal. How do you need to reorient your life to focus on the mission Jesus has given us?



THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

Read Luke 15. Jot a few notes on what stands out to you from this passage. Then, ask God this simple question. *"Does the way that I am currently living reflect that what matters to You matters to me?"* Sit quietly for 5 minutes and allow the Spirit to speak. Write down anything you sense Him saying to you.