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## Luke 15, 19:10; John 20:21; 17:18

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#### Sermon Summary

In Luke 14, Jesus clearly identifies the Cost of Discipleship saying, “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). Jesus renounced everything he had to be sent to earth. “Though Jesus was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus sends his disciples to do what he did, the way he did it! “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you (John 20:21). In Luke 14, Jesus points to a banquet for the poor, crippled, blind and lame telling his disciples to invite such people. The purpose of the Church is to Reach the Lost and Make Disciples! Jesus’ teaching in Luke 14 and His parables in Luke 15 shed light on His disciples living sent every day in unique situations to specific people. Are you living sent?

*“Some want to live within the sound  
Of church or chapel bell;  
I want to run a rescue shop,  
Within a yard of hell.”*  
C.T. Studd

Jesus’ disciples must have a Passion to Seek the Lost which is carried out with Priority and Urgency.

The church is no Place for Judgementalism and Legalism.

#### Diving Into The Message

##### **The Lost Coin: Light a Lamp** **Luke 15:8-10**

Luke 15 has been called “The Gospel in the Gospel.”

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: Luke 15:1-3

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"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:8-10

The woman had the 10 coins as....

A. Money for food

B. Possession representing love

1. Light a Lamp (in dark places)

2. Sweep the House (in dirty cluttered places)

3. Seek Diligently (value what is lost)

Increased Value when Lost & Multiplied Joy when Found

### **Living Sent**

Are you looking for those who are lost?

Are you celebrating those who are found?

One author has said that Luke 15 leaves the reader with one burning question, "Am I lost?"

Judgementalism and Legalism have no place in the lives of Jesus' disciples or His church!

Whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 10:33

*It is a thousand times easier to come back to God than to come home to the bleak criticism of men.*  
William Barclay



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### Life Application Questions

1. Do you know anyone who has ever “attended” church but been turned off or turned away because of how they were treated or because of what someone said?
2. What does it mean to “Live Sent” as Jesus describes in John 10:21 and 17:18?
3. Has the directive to “Live Sent” changed since Jesus gave it? In what ways has “Living Sent” been challenged or possibly changed in your lifetime?
4. What level of budgeting, staffing, time and programming should be given to seek the lost through the church? In our community? Your life?
5. How many people do you know personally who are lost? Are you praying for them to be saved?
6. Where do lost people on the coast live? Where do they work? Where do they play?
7. What strategies do you use to seek the Lost on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?
8. What can the church do better to seek the lost? How can you/we do a better job seeking the lost?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



we will host a dinner on the grounds for the whole church. At 1:00 PM we will begin a Celebration of Life Service to honor loved ones lost this past year. Please join us as we honor these members and many others with connections to our congregation and together worship Jesus, the one who gives us hope and life!

**Live SENT**

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When we look back in time, we will undoubtedly say that 2020 was a period of great difficulty and challenge for our nation, our community, and the world. However, as Christians, we know that God remains faithful especially in times of great adversity. We grieve, but when we do hope is not lost because our hope is in Jesus for this life and the life to come! Following our regular worship service at 10:30 AM on Sunday, May 23

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