



## Luke 15

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#### Sermon Summary

In Luke 14, Jesus clearly identifies the Cost of Discipleship. “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 they way he did it! “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you (John 20:21).

#### Diving Into The Message

##### **The Lost Sons: Compassionate Celebration**

Luke 15:11-32

*And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.*

*“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.*

*“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out*

*and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"*

A Man Who Had Two Sons

One lost - the other proud.

One in need of a savior - the other convinced there is no need.

One characterized by sinners and tax collectors - the other by Pharisees and Scribes.

MUSIC AND DANCING - REJOICING!!!

1 out of 100 (Sheep) - 1 out of 10 (Coin) - 1 out of 2 (Son)

Are you lost? Are you looking for the lost?

Our church of 1,000 reaching the 200,000 unchurched lost on the coast.

**Living Sent**

Who is your ONE?



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### Life Application Questions

1. Have you ever lost anything and spent time and effort to find what was lost?
2. Have you ever asked the Lord to help you find something you lost? What happened?
3. How much do you believe God values people who are lost and separated from His love and grace? Should we ask Him to help us find lost people?
4. What effort has God made to find lost people? What Scripture helps you know how much God seeks lost people?
5. Do the stories in Luke 15 motivate you to reach the lost? In what ways?
6. What responsibility do we have as Christians to reach the lost?
7. How can we be more effective “connecting people to life in Jesus” on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?

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