

Title: The Parable of the Lost Sheep **Scripture:** Luke 15:1-7 **Date Preached:** March 7, 2021

DISCUSSION STARTER:

What is the <u>one</u> subscription you have that you could not go without?

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Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

- 1. Describe the first two verses of this chapter. Why were the tax collectors and sinners gathering around Jesus? Why were the Pharisees talking?
- 2. Have you seen a similar scene take place in a Christian setting?
- 3. Who is the "them" in verse three? What is the significance of the crowds hearing this message? How would the message have hit them differently?
- 4. Why would the shepherd leave the ninety-nine to go after the lost sheep? What does this tell you about the ninety-nine? What does this tell you about the one?
- 5. Why do you think Jesus ended this parable with a celebration? What would the significance of a celebration mean to the different groups of crowds?

MY NEXT STEP:

This week, join with us in praying for the one person in our own lives who are yet to know Jesus. We are passing out magnets during this series to help us daily remember our "one." Grab a magnet, stick it on your refrigerator, and pray for your one by name.

Next Week's Sermon Title: Search Carefully