



STORY-FORMED

PARABLES OF JESUS

The Parable of the Good Shepherd– Luke 15

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How does Jesus truly feel about the lost? In these three concise stories, Jesus' heart for the least and the lost is revealed. Listen in as Andrew Mathieson takes us to Luke 15 and shows us the glory of God's gracious heart.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What insights into Christ's character does this parable reveal? How does this contrast with the Pharisees and scribes and how might this be good news to us?
- How does the Shepherd's willingness to leave the 99 actually bring them comfort?
- Consider the Father's joy at your salvation. Take a look at Zephaniah 3: 14-20 and join in with the song! If you've ever known a season of wandering, rejoice with the Lord that the Shepherd brought you home!