

The God Who Goes Looking

I. God's _____ Is Toward the Lost.

II. The Lost Matter More Than _____.

III. Heaven Rejoices Over _____.

IV. What This Means for _____:

Small Group Questions

1. What stands out to you most in [Luke 15:1–7](#), and why do you think Jesus told this parable in response to the Pharisees' complaint?
2. How does this passage challenge common assumptions about evangelism, church, or “who belongs”?
3. The Pharisees grumbled because Jesus welcomed sinners. What modern church behaviors might communicate similar resistance today?
4. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes the shepherd going after the lost sheep rather than waiting for it to return?
5. The sermon said, “Evangelism is something we join, not something we do.” What does that change about how you view sharing your faith?
6. In what ways can comfort, routine, or safety subtly become more important to us than mission?
7. Who might be your “one”—someone God may be inviting you to notice, pursue, or pray for intentionally?
8. How does the image of heaven rejoicing over one repentant sinner shape your understanding of God’s heart?
9. What would it look like for our church (or group) to be structured more for mission than maintenance?
10. Where do you most see yourself in this story right now: the shepherd, the lost sheep, the ninety-nine, or the grumbling crowd—and why?