

# The Parables of Jesus

in the Gospel of Luke (6)

Luke 15:1-7

## DISCUSS

Recount the most recent or memorable time you lost something and looked desperately for it. What was it and how did you feel after you found it?

## DISCOVER

Focus: This parable shows the great love the Lord Jesus has for sinners. From these verses, there are four points that show us in detail how much the Lord cares for us and what He has done to come and find us.

I. Read Luke 15:1-7 twice and retell the story in your own words.

Luke 15:1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to Him to hear Him.

Luke 15:2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes murmured among themselves, saying, This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Luke 15:3 And He told them this parable, saying,

Luke 15:4 Which man of you, who has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

Luke 15:5 And when he finds it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:6 And when he comes into his house, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.

Luke 15:7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner repenting than over ninety-nine righteous persons who have no need of repentance.

## DEEPER DIVE

### SHEPHERD

What is the work of a shepherd according to John 10:11 and 1 Peter 2:24-25? How then did the Lord as the Shepherd seek us for our salvation? (Luke 15:4-5) How does the Lord continue to shepherd us?

- John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

- 1 Pet. 2:24-25 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed. For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Talk about the Shepherd. What are some attributes of a shepherd (See John 21:15-17)?

### GO AFTER THE ONE

The Shepherd left the ninety-nine to “go after the one.” How would you feel if you had one hundred and lost one? What does this say about our value in the eyes of the Lord?

### UNTIL HE FINDS IT

The Shepherd seeks for the lost sheep “until [He] finds it.” What does this say about the Lord’s love for us?

### LAYS IT ON HIS SHOULDERS

### REJOICING

After finding the sheep, He “lays it on [His] shoulders, rejoicing.” What do you think being carried on His shoulders signifies?

Memorize and pray over Luke 19:10 and recite it to one another:

*“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.”*

## DISCIPLE

Consider one person who God had placed on your heart or someone in your life who needs Jesus. Send them a text message of encouragement.