

Session 13 | Parable of The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)

Memory Verse:

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10 / NIV

Session 13 | Opening Discussion:



Read Luke 19:10, what observations can you make about this verse?

Luke 15:1-7 / ESV | Parable of The Lost Sheep “All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, 6 and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ 7 I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don’t need repentance. Main Idea: This parable serves as a teachable moment for the Pharisees, demonstrates God’s unwavering love, and illustrates the joy in heaven when someone repents.”

About This Parable:

- + The Shepherd represents God or Jesus, who fervently seeks out the lost.
- + The 100 Sheep represent all people; one is lost while 99 are momentarily safe but left behind.
- + The Lost Sheep: Represents a sinner or outcast who has wandered away from God.
- + The Search: God's relentless pursuit of individuals who are lost in sin.
- + The Joyful Return: A celebration in heaven genuine repentance

Application

1. It's possible to be blinded by religion
2. God actively seeks those who are lost because they can not save themselves
3. God isn't willing for any to perish but for all to reach repentance



Discussion Questions:

1. Why would a shepherd leave 99 sheep to find just one (Luke 15:4)? What does this reveal about his character?
2. What does the shepherd's action of carrying the sheep home on his shoulders suggest about the nature of salvation and returning to God?
3. How do you think the Pharisees, who were grumbling about Jesus hanging out with sinners, reacted to this story?

Praise and Prayer Requests: