

Parable of the Lost Sheep

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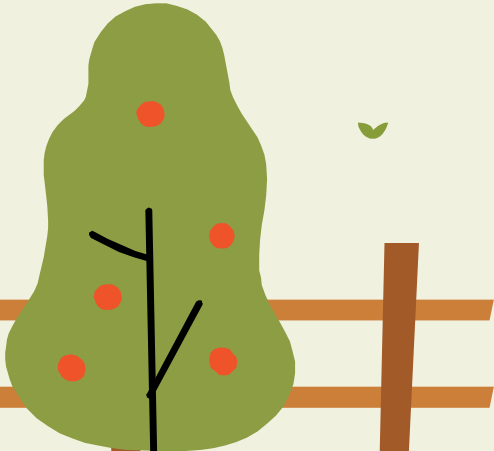
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Why is Jesus
telling us this
parable?

What does this
parable tell me
about myself?



What does this
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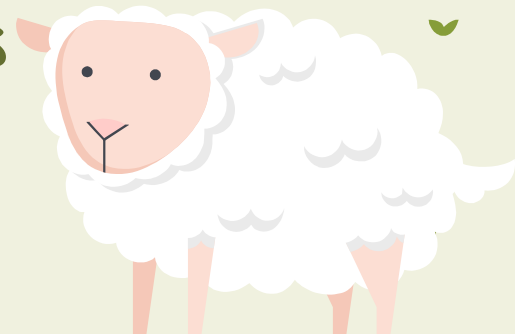


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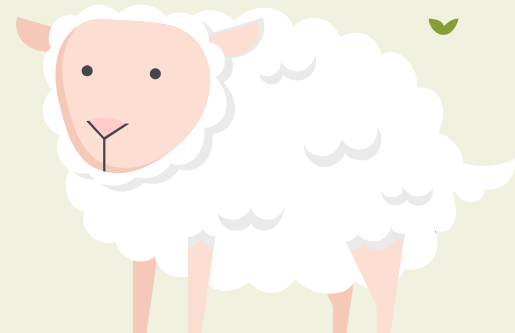
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- Jesus didn't agree with the Pharisees
- Jesus isn't just for religious people
- Jesus is for everybody



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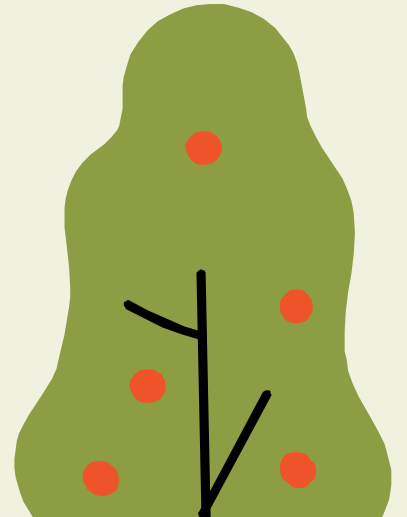
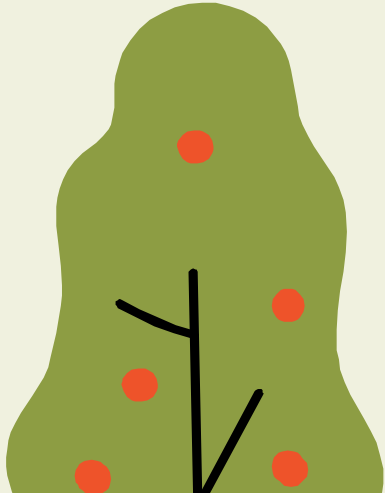
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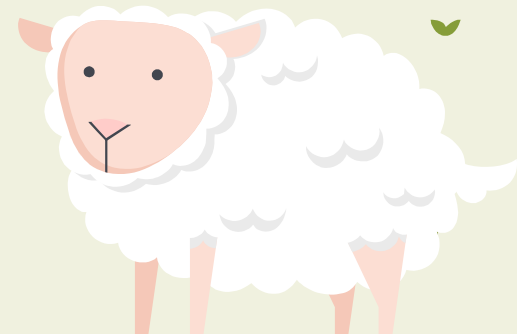
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- The shepherd dropped everything to look for the missing sheep
 - Did not stop until he found it
- Shepherd = God & sheep = us



Ephesians 2: 8-9

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we've done, so none of us can boast about it.

Psalm 139:7-12

I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.

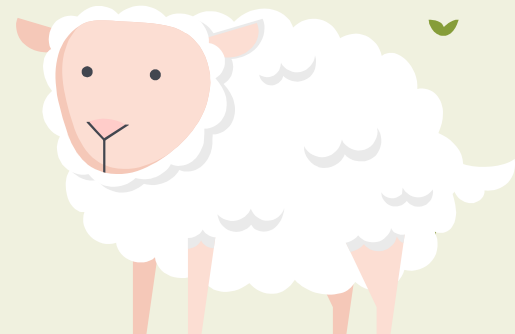
If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—

but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

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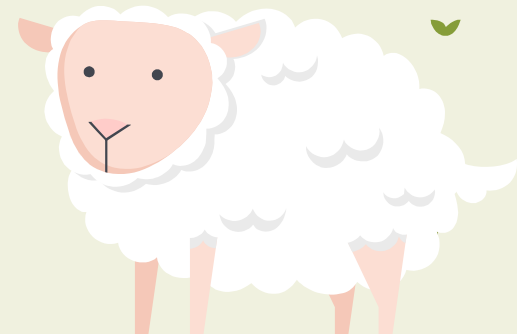
- The shepherd doesn't complain & isn't annoyed when he finds the sheep
- ✓ It's a whole party!



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7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

- And the party continues!
- If you're the 99, yay!
- If you're the 1, God still loves you



John 3:16

For God so loved the world: He gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life

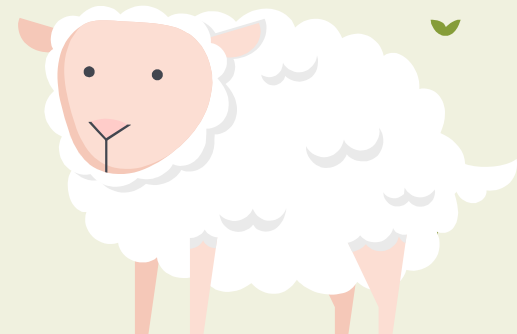
Isaiah 53:6

We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him

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For the 99:

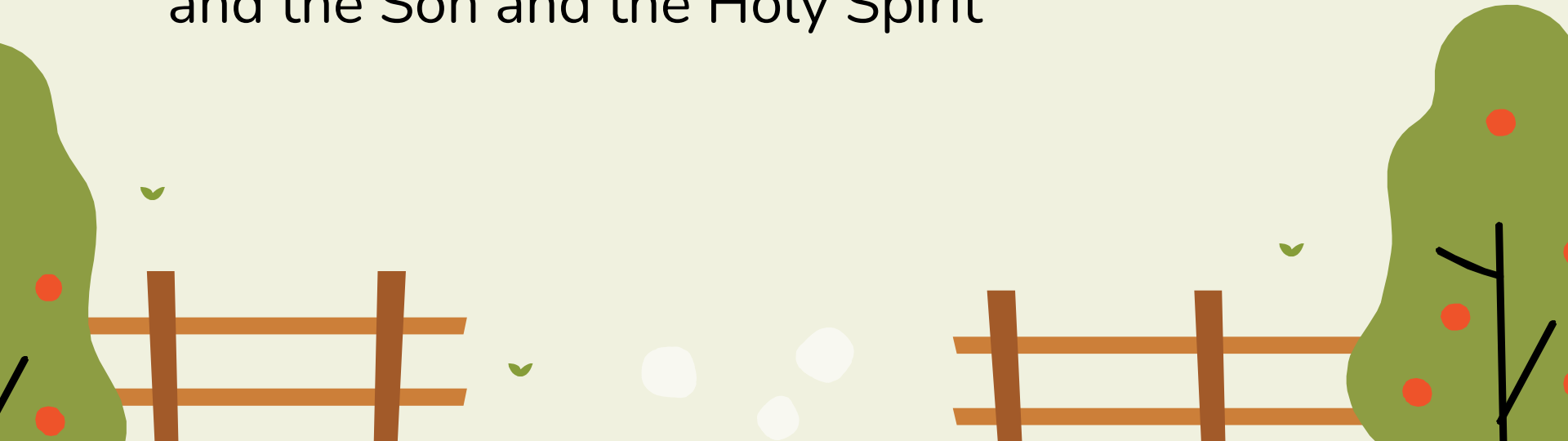
Matthew 9:36-37

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “the harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

For the 99:

Matthew 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit



Small Group Questions

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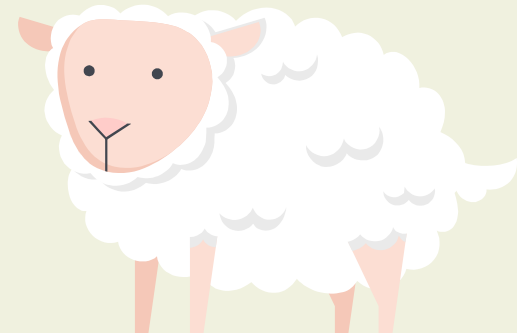
What does this parable tell me about God?

2

What does this parable tell me about myself?

3

What's my response?
I am I the 1 that needs to repent & return or the 99 that need to go?





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