

We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your LIFEgroup. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!

1. What do you like about the three lost stories?
2. What did you learn about the connection between the three stories?
3. Of the four “c’s” (connection, concern, consistency, and celebration), which is the easiest and which is the most difficult and why?
4. What is the best lesson of the lost sheep story for you?
5. In your opinion, why is this a good story for church people, and how could you use it when talking to others?



Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

1. It is easy for “church people” to befriend _____ those who believe and act _____ them. Jesus _____ do that!

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

2. If we want to make a _____ by reaching out to the lost, it will take connection, _____, consistency and celebration.

1. The context of these stories is _____ important. Jesus was spending his time with “_____ people,” and the church people _____. Jesus wanted to teach them by using stories that they would never _____.

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2. In all three stories, something is _____, searched for, and then _____.
3. The word “_____” or “loses” is found _____ times in 31 verses.
4. In all three stories, there is great rejoicing and a “_____” when the lost item is found. The words “rejoicing” and “celebrate” are used _____ times.

5. The stories are arranged in the order of _____ lost: — from 1 out of _____; to one out of _____; and then to one of _____.

6. The sheep was _____; the coin, _____; and the son became _____ lost.

7. The sheep, once lost, could do _____ to help save himself. The coin didn’t _____ it was lost. And the son, had to _____ to be found.

THE LOST SHEEP

1. Jesus begins by _____ the religious leaders by suggesting that they _____ be shepherds.

Luke 15:3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.

2. A typical home might have 15 sheep, so this is a story of a village that _____ a shepherd to tend their flocks. (connection)

3. The worst thing a shepherd could do was to _____ a _____. This was the one rule you didn’t _____!

4. The shepherd was _____ (concern) and left the other sheep in open country, assuming that there were _____ shepherds. He would not have left the sheep _____.

Luke 15:4 . . . Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

5. The shepherd does not _____ looking (consistency), but _____ until he is successful.

6. When he finds the sheep, he _____ (celebration). He calls his friends, and neighbors to have a _____.

Luke 15:6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’

7. Jesus concluded by explaining the _____ between those who are truly a part of his _____, and those who just _____ they are “in the fold.”

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OUR LESSONS



1. Connection? — What relationships do you have with the “lost” that causes you to _____.
2. Concern? — How are you _____ concern for them?
3. Consistency? — Is there _____ of the continual _____ of looking?
4. Celebration? — When was the last time you had a party because _____ was found?

Lost