

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Luke 15:1–10

Lost and Found: A Rescuing God



About This Week's Message

This week, we looked at two powerful parables from Luke 15—the lost sheep and the lost coin—and unpacked how Jesus used them to confront two very different groups: those on the outside (Irreligious) drawn to His voice, and those on the inside (Religious) grumbling about His grace. The point was clear: God isn't passive when someone goes missing—He moves toward the lost, searches until He finds them, and rejoices when they're restored. He's not asking us to clean ourselves up before we come. He's a God who carries us home.

Goals of This Week's Discussion/Study

This conversation will help us:

- Own our need for rescue.
- Understand how God relentlessly pursues those who are far from Him.
- See the Gospel as God's search and rescue operation.
- Develop a heart like His for the one who's missing.

Connections with the 7 Marks of a Jesus Follower

- **Walk in The Word** – Trust that only God can do the heart work in others and us.
- **Stand in Awe** – Respond to His relentless grace with worship.
- **Share Your Story** – Seek out “the one” in your life who needs Jesus.

Starter Questions

- What emotions come up when you hear the word “lost”?
- Can you remember a time when you felt spiritually stuck or disconnected? Who helped bring you back?

- Why do you think Jesus attracted the outsiders while religious leaders kept their distance?
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Read Luke 15:1–3

“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ Then Jesus told them this parable...”

Discussion Questions:

- What are the two groups in this passage, and how does each respond to Jesus?
 - Why do you think the Pharisees couldn’t celebrate what Jesus was doing?
 - How might we, even subtly, reflect their attitude today?
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Read Luke 15:4–7 (The Lost Sheep)

⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I 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.

Discussion Questions:

- What does this story reveal about God’s character?
 - Why would the shepherd leave the 99 to go after just one?
 - What does this teach us about how we should view people who are far from God?
 - What does the rejoicing in heaven teach us about the weight of one soul?
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Read Luke 15:8–10 (The Lost Coin)

⁸“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she

calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Discussion Questions:

- What does the woman’s diligence in searching teach us about God’s pursuit?
 - Why do both stories end with celebration?
 - How should this affect how we see people who don’t yet know Jesus?
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Applying the Text

What does this passage show us about God?

Key Takeaway: He’s not distant—He seeks, rescues, and rejoices. Every lost person matters to Him.

What does it reveal about us?

Key Takeaway: Like sheep, we wander. We don’t just need help—we need to be carried home.

What does it say about our role?

Key Takeaway: We’re not just called to stay with the 99. We’re called to pursue the 1 with the heart of the Shepherd.

Kyle’s Challenge

- **Pray daily** for one lost person by name.
 - **Reflect** on how God has carried you when you were stuck.
 - **Repent** of writing anyone off or assuming they’re too far gone.
 - **Reach out**—make a move toward someone who might need rescue.
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Practical Application

- Who’s your **“one”**? A friend, neighbor, teammate, family member?

- What step can you take this week to **pursue them with grace and intentionality**?
 - How might God be asking you to **risk comfort** for the sake of someone else's rescue?
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Pray Together

- Thank God for being the kind of Father who doesn't give up on the lost.
- Ask for His heart—for compassion, urgency, and joy in the rescue.
- Pray specifically for people in your lives who need to be found.