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Lost Sheep
Luke 15:1-10
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

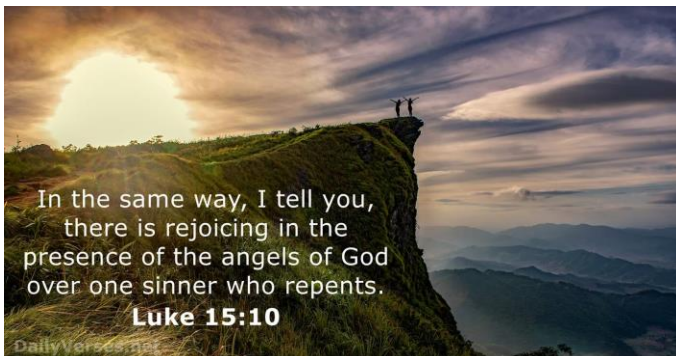
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we start a very familiar passage in Luke Chapter 15. The passage starts with 2 parables that we will look at this week and finishes with a third, longer, parable that we will look at later. In the first parable the shepherd is looking for a lost sheep. The shepherd leaves the 99 other sheep to go look for the one that is lost. In the second parable a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one. She then sweeps the house looking for the one that is lost. Both parables highlight the desire to find that which is lost. The clear connection made by Jesus is God's desire to find the sinner that is lost. Join us this week as we look at the desire of God's heart for the worst of sinners and see how we can show this same love to our community.



The Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 So Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Which one of you, if he has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go look for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 Then when he has found it, he places it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 Returning home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 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 have no need to repent.

8 “Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search thoroughly until she finds it? 9 Then when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents.”

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What were the pharisees complaining about before Jesus tells the parable?
9. Who does the lost sheep represent?
10. What is the significance of leaving the 99 to find the one?
11. Why do you think there are multiple parables in chapter 15 that are pointing out the same idea?
12. Is there anything different emphasized in the parable of the lost sheep compared to the lost coin?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What characteristics of God are revealed in this passage?

14. In this passage we see God's desire for the sinner. How can you reflect that desire in your life?

15. What are you willing to give up to help the lost? Is there a limit?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes