

PARABLES - OF JESUS -

WEEK 3 – THE LOST SHEEP/LOST COIN

Parable: SIMPLE story with a SPIRITUAL truth.

Just because it is SIMPLE, does not mean it's EASY.

OBSERVE
INTERPRET
APPLY

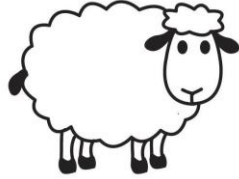
Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."³ Then Jesus told them this parable: 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? 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. ⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

⁹ And 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."

Who you invite to the TABLE shows the BOUNDARIES of your relationships.



Differing Definitions

Pharisees: Looking for a NEW BEHAVIOR
Jesus: Inviting into a NEW BELIEF



Not about the types of PEOPLE
About the types of RESPONSES

SO WHAT?

- Who are today's SINNERS?
- Are you WANDERING?
- What is your RESPONSE?

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

NOTES:

“Men may give up hope of a sinner; not so with God. God loves the folk who never stray away; but in His heart there is the joy of joys when a lost one is found and comes home.”

- William Barclay



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) *Admitting* that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) *Asking* God to forgive your sins.
- 3) *Saying YES* to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

*:: How has God been speaking to you through the “Parables of Jesus” series?
:: How have you incorporated what He has shown you into your life?
:: What difference/impact has that made for you or those around you?*

:: Think back to a time when you lost something. Share your feelings and journey to finding it.

*:: Reflect on a time when you were wandering.
:: Who were the people that helped you find your way back?
:: How did they invite you into a healthy way of connecting with God and seeing the world?*

:: As you think on the question of “who are today’s sinners?” Who is Holy Spirit bringing to your mind? How is Holy Spirit inviting you to reach out and create relationship with that person(s)?

:: Identify one thing God is asking you to do this week to take a next step in response to these parables.

:: Identify & invite at least one person to pray for you & hold you accountable in it.