

“The Parable of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Sons” 9/9/17

Luke 15:1-32

Sermon Series- “Essential Jesus: The Man, the Mission, the Message”

*Actors in Drama

Jesus/God
Irreligious sinners
Pharisees

Lost Sheep

Shepherd
lost sheep
ninety-nine

Lost Coin

Woman
lost coin
the nine

Lost Sons

Father
lost prodigal son
lost self-righteous brother

LESSON 1- The parable of the lost sheep demonstrates God’s Personal Love

- A. The shepherd takes full responsibility for the lost sheep (Isaiah 53:6)
- i) He accepts responsibility for the loss (cf. John 18:9; Ezek 34)
 - ii) He searches without counting the cost
 - iii) He rejoices in the burden/cost of restoring the sheep (Hebrews 12:2)
 - iv) He rejoices with the community at the restoration of the sheep

Going Deeper *God desires us to be actively making ourselves vulnerable (personal) for the sake of reaching the lost!*

LESSON 2- The parable of the lost coin demonstrates God’s Persistent Love

- A. If there is joy over a lost coin, shouldn’t there be joy of a lost tax-collector? (remember 15:1-3)

“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:10)

Going Deeper *God desires us to be actively pursuing (persistently) others for the sake of reaching the lost!*

LESSON 3- The parable of the lost son demonstrates God’s Passionate Love

- A. This parable teaches us that we have the opportunity to come to our senses and be received back in the arms of a loving heavenly Father.
- B. There is sin, broken fellowship, cost paid, restoration, fellowship, feast! (Matt 8:11-12; Luke 15:7, 10, 22-24; John 10:10)
- C. This parable also teaches about the lost self-righteous son on the outside.

Going Deeper *God desires us to be actively (and compassionately) pursuing others for the sake of reaching the lost!*