
Luke 15

Lost coin—carelessness.

Lost sheep—inattention.

Lost son—rebellion.

Lost inside—judgement, unforgiveness, selfishness.

What you don't see:

Shaming, judgement, I told you so, Reduced relationship.
Branding of _____.

My response:

When you're lost. Look for Jesus, listen for Jesus, go to Jesus.

When you're found. Seek and celebrate.

My call to action:

Found people, find people.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your Story

On Sunday Jeff talked with us about lost things. What is your strategy when you've lost something important to you? How does it feel?

Do you ever get frustrated when someone loses something for you? What do you do?

How does it feel when you finally find something you thought was lost for good?

Connect to God's Story

Read Luke 15:1-10.

What complaint prompts Jesus to tell the parables he tells in chapter 15?

How does this context help you understand the message of these lost things?

Read Luke 15:11-24.

How is everyone's decision to sin like the younger son's choice?

In this story, what brings the son to repentance? In your life, what has brought you to a similar place with the Lord?

Have you ever been shown extraordinary grace or been given the opportunity to show such grace to someone else?

Read Luke 15:25-30.

What complaint prompts Jesus to tell the parables he tells in chapter 15?

Although we can relate to either son, Jesus wants to show in this parable the heart of the Father and invite us to share His heart toward those who are far from Him. Do you rejoice like the Father when someone turns to Him through Jesus? Do you ever struggle giving grace like the Father?

Why do people tend to make poor decisions when they are selfish (like the youngest son) or jealous (like the older son)?

What are ways you can share in heaven's joy over people who find life in Jesus? How can we better celebrate when someone finds life?

We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life!

He was lost, but now he is found!

- Luke 15:32 (NLT)

My Prayer for 2019

My Lord and Savior Jesus, thank you for your gift of grace to me. My soul hungers for you. I want to know you – not just intellectually, but relationally. I give you permission to tear down every false thought, every lie, and every stronghold the Enemy has established within me.

I will pursue my relationship with you with my whole heart. I will hold nothing back from you. I am open and willing to receive the good things you have planned for me.

I ask:

Work your good in me so that I might reflect you more.

Work your good for me so that I might receive all that you intend for me.

Work your good through me so that all around me, people will experience your love and goodness and be drawn to you.

I am open and ready for all you will do in, for, and through me.

I love you, Jesus.

Amen

Together in prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer:

- Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- Praise God! Drywall and the majority of the painting is done.
- Pray for construction timeline, that things continue to move on time.
- Pray for a heart that is responsive to need around you.
- Pray for the ongoing funding of the building project and for the safety of all workers involved.
- Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.