

THE

Jesus way

WEEK 5 | Luke 15

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TALK ABOUT IT

Have you ever gotten lost before? What was it like?

What does it mean to you that God is looking for you; He is seeking you?

When was a time that I asked God to find you? Or reveal Himself to you wherever you were at?

LOOK AT THE WORD

Read Luke 15:1-32

What word or phrase stands out to you?

Why is it important to consider the details of the scripture that "catch your attention"?

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." Luke 15:1-2

- What was "wrong" with the tax collectors and sinners?
- Why did they gather around to hear Jesus?
- Why were the Pharisees muttering?

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep but loses one of them." Luke 15:4

- What is the significance of 100 sheep?
- Why does Jesus say "one of you"?
- How does a sheep become lost?

“Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but loses one. She will light a lamp, sweep the house, and look carefully for the coin until she finds it.” Luke 15:8

- A silver coin is equal to one day’s wages: how significant would this have been for a woman in the first century?
- Consider the woman’s actions: lighting a lamp, sweeping the house – what does this reveal about her thoroughness and intentionality?

Then Jesus said, “A man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, ‘Give me my share of the property.’ So the father divided the property between his two sons. Luke 15:11-12

- How much was the younger brother’s share of property?
- Why did the father comply with the request?
- What would Jesus’ audience have thought about the father and the son?

The son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ Luke 15:21

- Why does the son say he sinned against God?
- What is the connection between his worthiness and his family relationship as a son?

We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.” Luke 15:32

- Why does the father say the younger brother was dead?
- What is Jesus trying to communicate to His listeners by saying “dead”, “alive”, “lost” and “found”?

LOOK INWARD

Considering Jesus’ parables...

- Why is it important that Jesus taught with stories that are relatable to people?
- How do you relate to the story of the lost coin, sheep and sons?

Not All Who Wander Are Lost

- In what ways can people wander in life?
- What is the connection between people’s wandering and their lostness?
- What are ways that people can “lose their way”?

Josh said, “Somehow, in the way Jesus was teaching, with these stories, they drew people together. And He asks to answer the question “How do I feel lost?”

- How do you feel lost?

- Do you know how you became lost?
 - Was it bit by bit? Or accidentally? Or purposeful?

There are many ways we can be lost, and need to be found, three ways were mentioned in the message.

Lost in information
Found in wisdom

Lost in possibilities
Found in commitment

Lost in passion
Found in purpose

- Which “lost” category is most familiar to you?
- What steps can someone take to be found?
- Why is wisdom important?
- What does it mean to be committed?
- What does it mean to be ‘purposed’?

LOOK OUTWARD

Josh spoke about the lostness of culture and how the available information and possibilities have led people astray.

- What do you believe is the biggest challenge to your neighbours as God seeks to find them?
- In what ways are you able to extend the Father’s invitation to the table?

With endless information, possibilities and passions saying yes or no can be challenging.

- What is the role of community as you decide to say yes and no as a community?

SO WHAT?

God is inviting you to sit at His table.

BREATH PRAYER

God, find me.

FURTHER RESOURCES

LENT

We believe Lent is a season of repentance, but also grace. Maybe you have decided to “give up” something for Lent (also known as fasting), or maybe you have decided to shape your life differently as you walk towards Easter. We are encouraging two resources this season and both can be found on our groups page. The first is a Lenten Journal from *Every Moment Holy* and the second is the *Inner Room App* allowing you to build your own personal prayer room.