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LUKE: Cost of Discipleship

Luke 15:1-10

We're diving back into the Gospel of Luke. After nine chapters introducing us to Jesus and His call, Luke now takes us with Him on the road to Jerusalem (Luke 9-19). Along the way, we'll hear some of Jesus' most famous teachings and stories, as He shows us what it truly costs to follow Him and why following Him is worth everything.

The Big Idea

(What is the author's point?)

Jesus came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19:10)

Why It Matters

(Why is this relevant to us?)

It's a common human experience—the frantic search for someone or something we've lost. It could be a child in a store, a phone or the car keys just when we need to leave for an important appointment. It's a "drop everything and search" moment. Do you feel the same urgency about those separated from God? The same sense of relief and desire to celebrate when someone joins God's family? The parables of Luke 15 invite the hearers to understand Jesus' love and His urgent search and rescue mission and embrace the mission as their own. Where do you see yourself in the story? Have you wandered from the Lord? He longs to bring you home. Disciples of Christ we are called to prioritize reaching the lost. Are we willing to pay the cost to search for those who need God? Seeking the lost is not just a solo endeavor but a Kingdom one. The parables remind us that Kingdom community should share in heaven's joy over each person who joins God's family.

Good to Know

(What are some helpful insights into this passage?)

"tax collectors and sinners" (15:1) – Jesus involved Himself with the lost, despised and disenfranchised.

"Parable" (15:3): a fictional story using commonly understood themes; intended to communicate a spiritual truth; "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning."

"hundred sheep" (15:4) – This size flock would likely have more than one person caring for them; hearers would assume the 99 sheep were left in safekeeping.

“lost one” (15:4) – A lost sheep is at great risk if left on its own.

Shepherd pursues the lost with care and intentionality regardless of what caused him to be separated from the flock. (For more on how the Shepherd cares for the sheep, see also Psalm 23, Jeremiah 31:10-14, Ezekiel 34:11-16, John 10:11-12.)

“Rejoice” (15:6, 9) is repeated through the passage.

“10 silver coins” (15:8) – One coin was the equivalent to a day’s wages; relative poverty makes the one coin a major loss.

“Seek diligently” (15:8) highlights the intense and sustained effort of the woman, probably in a windowless home with a dirt floor.



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Group Guide

Following the series with your group?

- Start with some [icebreaker questions](#).
- Read the passage together before you dive in.
- Share any insights from the message. Use the questions below to get your conversation started.

Conversation Starters

1. Read verse 1 again. Who is gathering around Jesus? Why is that significant?
2. How might the Pharisees' response in verse 2 challenge us today?
3. Read verses 4-5. What do these verses show us about who God is?
4. What is common between both these parables?
5. What do we learn about repentance from this passage?
6. How can we tangibly join the Kingdom mission of seeking the lost?

Prayer

Our Good Shepherd, thank you for seeking us out with your never-ending love. Help us to see the lost and extend your love through word and action. May your kingdom come here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.