

The Lost Parables

Discussion Questions

- 1. Deep down, do you believe God only loves those who are good people, or that He still loves those who make big mistakes and are far away from him?**
- 2. How does your view of God change the way you view yourself? How does it change the way you view others?**
- 3. In what areas of your life do you need to admit your lost-ness and turn part of your life back to Jesus?**
- 4. How does our understanding of God inform our understanding of the church? Does the church exist to meet the needs of the members or to meet the needs of those who are not yet a part of it?**
- 5. Who has God placed in your life who is disconnected from God? Make a plan this week to spend time building that relationship and praying that God would use you to demonstrate His great love for them. (If you can't think of anyone, begin making plans to make friends with people outside of the church)**



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Luke 15:1–2

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”



Luke 15:7

“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”



Luke 15:8–10

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



Luke 15:17–19 *The Message Bible*

“That brought him to his senses. He said, ‘All those farmhands working for my father sit down to three meals a day, and here I am starving to death. I’m going back to my father. I’ll say to him, Father, I’ve sinned against God, I’ve sinned before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son. Take me on as a hired hand.’ He got right up and went home to his father.”



Luke 15:20–24 *The Message Bible*

“When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. The son started his speech: ‘Father, I’ve sinned against God, I’ve sinned before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son ever again.’ But the father wasn’t listening. He was calling to the servants, ‘Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a grain-fed heifer and roast it. We’re going to feast! We’re going to have a wonderful time! My son is here – given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!’ And they began to have a wonderful time.”



Luke 15:28–32 The Message Bible

“The older brother stalked off in an angry sulk and refused to join in. His father came out and tried to talk to him, but he wouldn’t listen. The son said, ‘Look how many years I’ve stayed here serving you, never giving you one moment of grief, but have you ever thrown a party for me and my friends? Then this son of yours who has thrown away your money on whores shows up and you go all out with a feast!’ His father said, ‘Son, you don’t understand. You’re with me all the time, and everything that is mine is yours – but this is a wonderful time, and we had to celebrate. This brother of yours was dead, and he’s alive! He was lost, and he’s found!’”



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