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Luke 15:1-10

***The Parables of Jesus:
Lost... and Found! – Part 1***

#1 – What is the identity of the original audience?

_____ and _____

_____ and _____

Jesus' _____

#2 – What is the problem, question or circumstance that prompted the parable?

The Lost Sheep vv. 4-7

Something is lost 1 out of _____

Someone searches for it

They find it and call others to rejoice

#3 – What is the natural meaning of the parable?

#4 – What is the main point of the parable?

#6 – What interpretation did Jesus give?

*There will be _____ in heaven
for one _____ than
for ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to
repent.*

(Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 33:11)

The Lost Coin vv. 8-10

Something is lost 1 out of _____

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#3 – What is the natural meaning of the parable?

#4 – What is the main point of the parable?

#6 – What interpretation did Jesus give?

*There is _____ among the angels of God
for one _____.*

#5 – What is the actual or intended response of the hearers?

For the tax collectors and sinners?

For Jesus' disciples?

For the Pharisees and teachers of the Law?

What does Jesus intend for your response to be?

(John 3:16-17; Luke 14:23)

Where do you fit in the story?

Do you belong to God? You are his _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

How do you treat those who are far from God?

Are you wandering far from God?

(John 3:16; 6:37)

Questions for Discussion and Contemplation

1. What is one thing of value that you lost? How did you feel? When did you discover it was missing? How did you look for it? Did you ever find it and when?
2. Why do you think that the religious leaders criticized Jesus over his associations with the tax collectors and sinners? Was it their piety, jealousy, or something else?
3. Why was it important for the shepherd to leave the 99 and go seek the one that was lost? Why is this parable so offensive to people in churches today?
4. How do we know that Jesus was using irony when he said in verse 7, *"...than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent"*?
5. How might we in the church sometimes act like the religious leaders of Jesus' day? Have you ever seen this attitude? (No names please!)
6. What can we, as followers of Jesus, do to help bring those who are far from God to him? Where might these people be located? What might some of the signs of their "lostness" be? How can we reach them with the gospel?