



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of April 2, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 15:1-10

[1] Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. [2] And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." [3] So he told them this parable: [4] "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? [5] And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. [6] And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' [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. [8] "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? [9] And 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.' [10] Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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Discussion Questions

1. The heart of God rejoices when sinners repent and are saved. Does yours? Think about the most evil person you know. How do you feel about a murderer, rapist, child molester, traitor, or any other violent wicked person being forgiven of their sin?
2. Why do you think "righteous" people like the Pharisees and Scribes resented Jesus for receiving and eating with tax collectors and sinners?
3. How are you, (and every other person) like a lost wandering sheep? What does it tell you about the heart of God that there is so much rejoicing in heaven when the lost wandering sheep is found?
4. One lost coin, representing a single lost soul, may not seem like much when compared to nearly 8 billion people on planet earth, and yet, what price did God pay to find the lost coin? What does this parable tell you about the worth of your single soul to the Lord? How much value do you place on one lost soul?

5. A lost sinner who is “found” by the Lord is the person who repents. What does it mean to repent? Is it repentance that saves the lost sinner?