



## Discussion Group Questions

### The Lost Luke 15

Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Luke 15:3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

**1. Jesus doesn't judge people based on appearance, reputation or circumstance.**

**2. Every Christian is a lost sheep that becomes a shepherd.**

Is. 53:4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;  
it was our sorrows that weighed him down.  
And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,  
a punishment for his own sins!  
5 But he was pierced for our rebellion,  
crushed for our sins.  
He was beaten so we could be whole.  
He was whipped so we could be healed.  
6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.  
We have left God's paths to follow our own.  
Yet the LORD laid on him  
the sins of us all.

**3. Our thankfulness for God's grace determines our willingness to share the Gospel.**

### Community Group Notes:

1. Read Luke 15:1-7
2. Who were the Pharisees? How did they treat others?
3. How did the way Jesus treated others contrast to the Pharisees?
4. How does the grace of God affect the way we see and treat others? If you feel comfortable, share with your group some of the most common ways you find yourself judging others?
5. How does judging someone else affect our availability to minister to them?
6. How can we see people the way God does? How can we develop a heart of ministry not judgement?
7. Take time to pray with your group that God would give you a heart of ministry towards the unsaved. Also, pray for our church, that God would give us a unified desire to see lost people saved, regardless of their appearance, reputation or circumstance.