

Sermon Notes

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Rejoicing about salvation

Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "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? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 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.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Key Points I want to remember from the Sermon

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Life Group Study Guide

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DISCOVERY: (please do in 3x5 sub-groups)

- 1. What do you think would be the impact on the Christian faith were any kind of life found elsewhere in the universe?
- 2. Discuss the one thing you miss most about being a kid.

Study

- 1. Imagine: you are a bride one day before the ceremony. You discover you have lost the engagement ring. (A) Discuss by describing your emotions and your behaviors upon this discovery. (B) Do you believe the church feels this way about lost souls? (C) Why does/or does not, the church feel this same passion about searching for the lost?
- 2. See Lk. 15:2 and Acts 11:3 Identify some of the dangers found in having close associations with sinful people.
- 3. David said these parables show "we must be rescued by God" because the lost are more like sheep than "dogs or cats." What did he mean by this comparison?
- 4. David taught us the lost are "valuable" to God. Describe how the value of the object lost alters the "diligence" of the search for recovery of it.
- 5. We are left to wonder if the "elder brother" ever entered the joyous party given for the "sinner that was found." Speculate what might have kept him from the party.

Reflection

- 1. Make a list among your group of all your "close friends" who are lost people. (A) Next explore ways that might be used by your group to reach those just identified. (B) Would the introduction of such as these disturb the purity or purpose of your group?
- 2. What is the one thing about today's sermon that meant the most to you?