

Searching For Lost Things Luke 15:1-7 NKJV

¹Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ²And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man ^areceives sinners and eats with them.” ³So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ ⁷I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine ^bjust persons who need no repentance.

The world has questions and Jesus has the real answers.

The heart of God: 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward [c]us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

God loves everybody everywhere. He does not discriminate.

Variety of Lost People

There are various types of people. Jesus’ parables on lost things deal with:

The sheep – people outside the house (church)

The coin – the lost people inside the house (church)

The son – the people that’s left the house (church) & should be welcomed back

“Let it not be that you soothe your conscience but lose your soul.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Value of Lost People

The sheep – the shepherd left the flock to find the one that was lost. No matter what it took

The coin – represented what we look at as an engagement ring

The son – The younger son was received back because he was still the father's son.

“We have to let people know that they are valuable.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Vision For the Lost

Are we seeing people who are lost

Do we have a heart for the lost

People are hungry for Jesus more today than ever.

“See the version of you who walks with Jesus.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Every day we are on a mission for God.