

Sermon: Lost and Found
Series: *Pictures of Disciple-Making*

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10
Date: June 20, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) When you think about the shepherd and the woman in the parables, Is this how you have traditionally seen God? What character traits of God do we see in these two parables? What brings God joy?

2) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Have you ever been lost? Lost something valuable? What did you do?

b) Do you see yourself as lost? Lost and found? How might remembering that you were once lost help you develop a desire to seek the lost?

c) Is there any place in your heart where you can see a pharisaical attitude sneaking in? Are there any "sinners" that you think are not worth your time/attention/love?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) What do these parables teach us about the nature of salvation and our ability to save ourselves?

APPLICATION

a) Jesus ate with "sinners and tax collectors." Is there an "outsider" that God has been nudging you to reach out to in love?

b) Are you diligently seeking the lost? Why or why not?

c) How might we as a church do more rejoicing over the lost who are found?

FIGHTER VERSES: Matthew 28:18-20.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his diligent seeking of lost souls.
- Repent of anything that keeps you from seeking the lost and rejoicing over their coming to Christ.
- Ask God to help you to diligently seek the lost by the power of the Spirit, just as Christ does.