

“The Secrets of the Kingdom of God”: the Parables of Jesus in Luke  
Luke 15:1–32: The Parables of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son

### The Gospel for Sinners and Tax Collectors

“God loves you. He's on your side. He's coming after you. He's relentless.” (Leif Peterson)

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’” (Matthew 11:19)

### Losing

“I did it, I did it my way.” (Frank Sinatra)

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.” (Isaiah 53:6)

“None is righteous, no, not one no one understands, no one seeks for God.” (Romans 3:10–11)

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)

### Seeking

“God is love.” (1 John 4:8)

“Because God is *self-existent*, His love had no beginning; because He is *eternal*, His love can have no end; because He is *infinite*, it has no limit; because He is *holy*, it is the quintessence of all spotless purity; because He is *immense*, His love is an incomprehensibly vast, bottomless, shoreless sea.” (A. W. Tozer)

“O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free, rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.” (“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”)

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

### Finding

First John 4:19 says, “We love because he first loved us.”

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see” (Amazing Grace).

Zephaniah 3:17 says, “The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

### Rejoicing

Zephaniah 3:17 says, “The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

## Notes

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Discuss

- What do the Pharisees and the older brother in the Parable of the Lost Son share in common, and how are they a warning to you?
- How should Christians feel about God seeking them, finding them, and rejoicing over them?
- What were some of the effects of lostness in your life, and where might you be if God hadn't found you?
- What is repentance, and how does it show that God has found someone?

## Read

Luke 19:1–10; 1 John 4:7–21

## Pray

- That God will expand your love for the lost by giving you a better understanding of his.
- That God will give you opportunities to talk to the lost about the gospel.
- That God will help you to find joy in the good news of the gospel.

## Announcements

- Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 31 from 3:00–5:00pm
  - Sign up to help at the Connect Desk or by emailing Dawn ([info@fsbcknobs.com](mailto:info@fsbcknobs.com))
  - Volunteer meeting and neighborhood outreach: Wednesday, October 27 starting at 6:00pm (meeting starts at 6:45pm after outreach starting at 6:00pm)
- Operation Christmas Child packing party: November 13 from 9:30–11:30am (pitch-in breakfast starting at 9:00am)