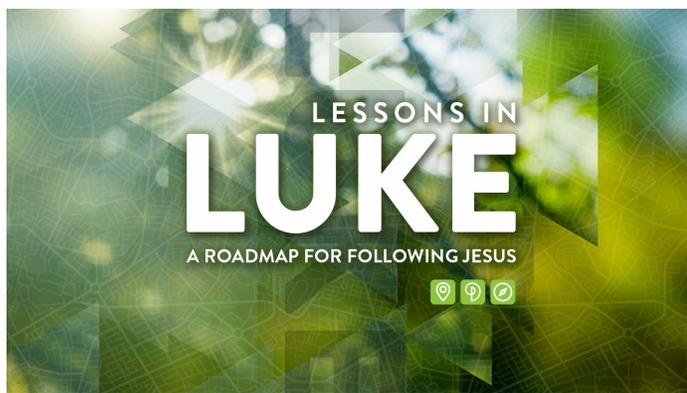


# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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## Lost Things

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It is amazing how many things we can lose in just one day. The best part of losing something is finding it! Today we will explore how God will stop at nothing to find us if we are feeling lost.

### SCRIPTURE TEXT: LUKE 15:1-10

Read the scripture text together as a group.

#### BACKGROUND INFO

At the beginning of this parable Jesus is accused by the Pharisees and scribes of welcoming sinners and eating with them, he then tells them 2 stories that emphasize the joy of God when what was lost has been found. These 2 stories have a similar structure: “one” of ninety-sheep and ten coins is lost; a shepherd and a woman won’t stop searching until what is lost has been found. Neither will stop until they find what was lost. Then, on the discovery of what had been lost has been found they both call “friends and neighbors” to “celebrate” with them. Both stories conclude with “joy” in heaven over “one who has been found.

The shepherd and the woman in these stories evoke images of God who rejoices when the lost are found. God rejoices! Why? Why would God want to throw a party when what has been lost has been found? Because God is for us, not against us. We all get lost on our faith journey at one time or another. When we get lost, it doesn’t mean we are going to hell, not at all. Getting lost means that somehow we strayed away from God, it can happen when we get caught up in our own stuff that we forget or even ignore God. No one gets lost on purpose. And we often don’t even realize we are lost until we discover that something just isn’t right. The good news is that when we are lost, God continues to seek us out! Our God is not angry with us or hold our behaviors against us; rather God actively seeks restoration. Restoration happens when we experience a shift in our perceptions, a transformation that comes from God.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a time when you were lost. Maybe a map took you the wrong way or something similar.
- What is Jesus teaching us in this passage?
- What effect does being lost have on us? How do we get caught up in those situations?
- How can be confident that God is continuing to seek us out, not matter our situation?

**APPLICATION:** This week, spend some time in prayer thanking God for His relentless pursuit of you. You are found; you are seen; and you are loved. Thank God for that today.