



## Key References:

### Luke 15:1–3 (ESV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:

### Luke 15:5–7 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

### Luke 15:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?”

### Luke 15:11–13 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

### Luke 15:22 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

### Luke 15:31–32 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ”

After talking about distraction Terry reminded us that the primary purpose God has us here is: “to see lost people come to salvation, dead people be made alive in Christ.” **Do you feel that this is your primary purpose?**

Read Luke 15:1-3. Terry reminded us that Jesus directed the following parables to “organized religion” and not the sinners. **Why did Jesus switch from one crowd to the other and why is this important to understand?**

### 1 – Searching for the lost

Read Luke 15:4-7. **How do you think Jesus wanted the Pharisees to respond to this? How does he want us to respond to it?**

Read verses 5-7 again. **How should this joy dictate our priorities?**

### 2 – The value of the lost

Terry used an illustration of a \$50 note in different locations and said; “If something is out of position or lost it’s value does not diminish before God.” **What did this make you think about?**

Read Luke 15:8-10. **If reaching the lost isn’t a priority are devaluing them?**

### 3 – A son’s identity

Read Luke 15:11-19. **Why did the son want to enter back into his father’s household as a servant?**

Read on to Luke 20-24. **What is the significance of the father rushing to get the robe, the ring and shoes for his son? What do these 3 things represent for us in God’s household?**

Terry said “There are no servants in the household of God waiting to be made sons. When we come home, we come home.” **Have you ever felt that you can’t do the work of God because you are not worthy of it? Why is that feeling so wrong?**

### 4 – The second brother

Read the rest of the parable, Luke 15:25-32. The second son didn’t see the value of his brother’s return. **Why did he miss it?**

The older brother might have taken the brother as a servant. **How can we be filled with God’s supernatural grace like the father? Why do we need God’s supernatural grace to reach the lost?**