



Key References:

Luke 15:1–7 (ESV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.

² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable:

⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ 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.’ ⁷ 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 15:18–24 (ESV)

¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² 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. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

Luke 19:9–10 (ESV)

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

1 – FRIEND OF SINNERS

Read Luke 15:1-2. **Why were the people in v1 so drawn to Jesus? What must Jesus be like to draw in these people?**

Do we Christians have the same attractiveness amongst sinners? Would Jesus have the same attractiveness in our city today?

2 – HE CAME FOR THE LOST

Ivor pointed out that the three parables in chapter 15 were the longest Jesus talked about a single topic. **What is the subject of these parables and why was it so important for Jesus to drill it into the Pharisees and the scribes? Would Jesus need tell us the same parables today?**

Read Luke 15:3-10. Jesus escalates each parable from 1-in-100 to 1-in-10, and then to 1-in-2. **Why? How does each of these parables show God’s value and love for the lost differently?**

Something being “lost” implies that the thing has rightful owner. **What would this have revealed to the Pharisees? How do these parables reveal Jesus’ priority for the lost?**

3 – THE PRODIGAL

Read Luke 15:11-24. **Examine each part of this parable. What parallels does this story have to the lost around us in Nanaimo? What would Jesus want us to understand from this scripture today?**

4 – WHO IS THE OLDER SON?

Read Luke 15:25-32. **Have you ever felt the same as the older son? How can we watch our hearts, so we don’t become bitter towards God blessing others in this way?**

5 – THE IMPORTANCE OF PEOPLE

Verse 7, 10 and 22-24 show us how God rejoices over the salvation of the lost. **How can we cultivate a heart that rejoices the same way?**

Ivor shared a story of a person who saw heaven & met Jesus. After this encounter Ivor said he “*burned with a love & passion for people.*” **Why would meeting Jesus have this effect? How is Jesus calling you to have the same heart? What can we do to get there?**