



## Key References:

**Luke 15:1–7** (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: <sup>4</sup> “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? <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.

**1 Peter 3:15** (ESV) – but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

**Luke 19:9–10** (ESV) – And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**Ezekiel 34:11–12** (ESV) – “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

**John 8:7–11** (ESV) – And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” <sup>8</sup> And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

**In your life what is the most valuable or important thing that you have ever lost? What were the ramifications of losing that thing?**

### 1 – LOST

Read Luke 19:10. **How did this statement here summarise a huge part of Jesus’ ministry? Would you say this was the main emphasis of Jesus?**

We often talk about non-Christians being “unsaved”. **If we instead use Jesus’ word “lost” to define them, how does that change our attitude?**

### 2 – THE LOST SHEEP

Read Luke 15:1-2. **Why wasn’t Jesus physically angry with the “sinners” that were drawn to him?**

Read Luke 15:3-7. Each little detail in a parable carries meaning. **Spend time examining the details of this parable, what significance do you see?**

Seeking & saving the lost was so significant to Jesus. **Do you think, we his church, still carries it like he did?**

**How did the posture of the Pharisees & scribes keep “the lost” lost?**

Read John 8:3-11. **Examining verse 11, how was Jesus carrying her back to be found in his flock?**

### 3 – BEING AVAILABLE & CREATING SPACE

Lee constantly came back to two ways of life we need to see the lost found. They were 1) Being Available & 2) Creating Space. **Why did he keep on emphasising these two things?**

Read 1 Peter 3:15. **How is this heart reflected in this scripture? Does anyone have a recent testimony of sharing the good news?**

### 4 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Lee talked about the intention and urgency of a search and rescue team. **How can we walk in a greater measure of intention and urgency?** Lee talked about seeing his neighbour with new eyes. **How can we see people from Jesus’ perspective?**

**Where do you think, you could start exercising faith in this area? What simple way of planting the good seed of the gospel have you found?**

**How is God with us as we share the gospel?**