



Sermon Notes: Lost and Found

1. The Purpose.

- a. To explain the affinity between Jesus and sinners.
- b. To indict the religious leaders for their lack of care.

2. The Process.

- a. Lost.
- b. Search.
- c. Found.
- d. Rejoicing.

3. The Point.

- The main point of all three parables is to show us God's spontaneous joy over finding and restoring the lost.

Gospel Application:

1. First, see yourself as the lost one who needed to be pursued.
2. Find your security in Christ's delight in you.
3. Join Christ in his relentless pursuit of the lost.



Application Questions: Lost and Found

1. What's the most valuable thing you've ever lost? How did you feel? What did you do?
2. Who do you identify with in the 3 parables of Luke 15? Why?
3. How does the context help you understand why Jesus told these 3 parables? What do you think he wanted the religious leaders to recognize about themselves?
4. Compare and contrast the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son:
 - Which do you identify with most? Which do you think our culture identifies with most? Which do you identify our culture with most? Why is this relevant?
 - How did each become lost in the first place? How have you gotten lost in all these different ways? How do you see all these different ways creating our lost culture of today?
 - How was each pursued? How does this relate to ways you've seen God pursue you? How does it relate to how you will partner with God in His pursuit of others who are lost?
 - What was the benefit to each one when it was found? What impact did "foundness" have on each? How have you experienced these benefits? How might God use you to share these benefits with others?
5. Each parable makes the point that God is constantly rejoicing when the lost get found. How does this affect your overall view and understanding of God?
6. Who's your one?
7. What are some things you could do to help you understand what factors contributed most to his/her lostness? How could you learn more about what he/she needs because of that lostness?
8. What one thing will you do this week to pursue your one with Christlike love?