

Luke 15-16  
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Luke 15:3-7 (pg. 868) – The lost \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:6b-7 (NLT, pg. 869) ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

Luke 15:8-10 (pg. 869) – The lost \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:9b-10 (NLT, pg. 869) ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

Both stories focus on joy and \_\_\_\_\_  
over the lost being found.

Luke 15:11-32 (pg. 869) – The lost \_\_\_\_\_

The younger son (12-24)

Luke 15:17a (NLT, pg. 869) “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself...”

Steps of repentance:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Father’s love
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong you have done
3. \_\_\_\_\_ communication and  
confess
4. \_\_\_\_\_ in a new direction and follow through
5. \_\_\_\_\_ restoration

The older son (25-32)

The older brother was just as \_\_\_\_\_ as the younger one.

Luke 15:28 (NLT, pg. 869) “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him...”

The hard truth; if you are really a son, it will be seen by how you \_\_\_\_\_ your brother.

Luke 15:31-32 (NLT, pg. 869) “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

John 13:35 (NLT, pg. 896) “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Final Thought: A selfish mindset will affect you in every phase of your faith journey. A kingdom mindset will always help you repair what is broken. Is your relationship with the Father \_\_\_\_\_?

Luke 15-16 Discussion Questions

Describe a time that you found something that had been lost a long time or that you thought you would never find. How did you feel when you found it? How does that experience compare to these three parables in Luke 15? Explain. Why do you think Jesus tells three different parables to make the same point?

Read Psalm 119:65-72. How does this psalm compare to the parable of the lost sons in Luke 15:11-32? Psalm 119:67 mentions being disciplined by God. Were the sons in the parable disciplined by the

father? Why or why not? Have you ever felt disciplined by God? How did you respond? (if you have time or want to dive deeper into God's discipline read Hebrews 12:1-13) Which son, the younger prodigal son or the older faithful son, do you identify with the most? Explain.

Confession and Repentance are not the same. Describe in your own words how they are different. Review the 5 steps of repentance (acknowledge the Father's love, realize the wrong you have done, re-establish communication and confess, move in a new direction and follow through, accept restoration). Which step is the hardest for you to do? Which one comes most naturally? Read 1 John 1:8-10. How do these verses help you to truly repent? Explain. (if you have time or want to dive deeper into the process of repentance, read psalm 51)

In Luke 15, like many stories earlier in the gospel, Jesus pokes at and calls out the Pharisees and other religious leaders. Is it surprising to you that Jesus does this? Why or why not? How do these actions compare to Jesus' reputation for love and acceptance and grace and forgiveness? Have you ever felt like the Pharisees and religious leaders during your faith journey? Why or why not? What would you say to someone that still feels this way?