

## Lesson Seven

# The Lost Sheep

**Scripture Reference:** Luke 15:1-7

**Memory Verse:** "... joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." (Luke 15:7b)

"Jim, come look. We finally found Spot. He was skinned up a little but he'll be all right. Boy, am I happy we found him."

"I didn't even know he was lost, Peter. How did he get lost and where did you find him?"

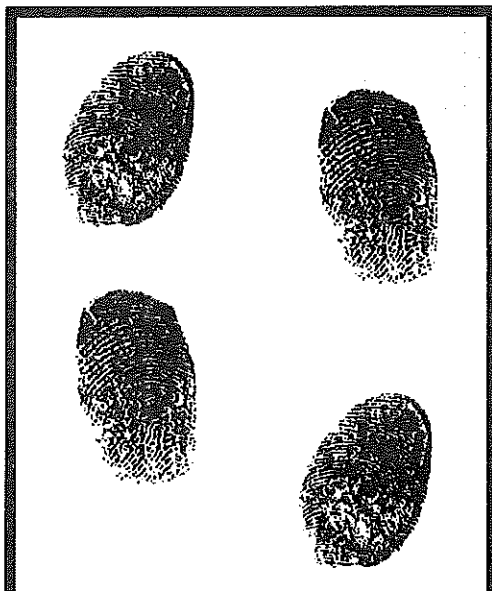
"We took him out to the woods with us to camp overnight. When we started back we forgot he was along at first. By the time we remembered and went back he wasn't around. The whole family spent hours looking and calling. We found him caught in some barbed wire."

"Pete, do you remember once when I asked you why you didn't become a Christian? Do you remember what you said?"

"I guess I said why would Jesus care about me when there are so many millions of people — at least that's the way I feel," answered Pete.

"Do you think you are worth as much as a dog?" asked Jim. "You know you are, and a lot more. Even though there are lots of people, don't forget

God is so great that he can keep up with all of them. He who made the stars and sand and everything is great enough to love all. He made us all different with different fingerprints and hair and teeth and everything. He knows the very number of hairs on our head and knows us all by name and loves us all. Jesus pointed out that a man with one hundred sheep will go seek for even one that goes astray. When he finds the sheep he will rejoice. You rejoiced over finding a dog — you love the dog. Surely you know Jesus loves you more than you love a dog."



"Yes, I see that but what about calling in the neighbors to rejoice?"

"Remember you told me about finding your lost dog. And in the parable Jesus was answering the criticism of the Pharisees. They objected to His eating with sinners. We ought to rejoice over sinners who repent. While we shouldn't be with sinners if it will cause us to sin, we should be with them to try to convert them. We certainly should be happy when one is converted. In the next few verses there is

another parable about some lost money (Luke 15:8-10). Jesus emphasized strongly in each parable that we should love lost sinners so much that we will rejoice when they are saved."

### Questions To Answer

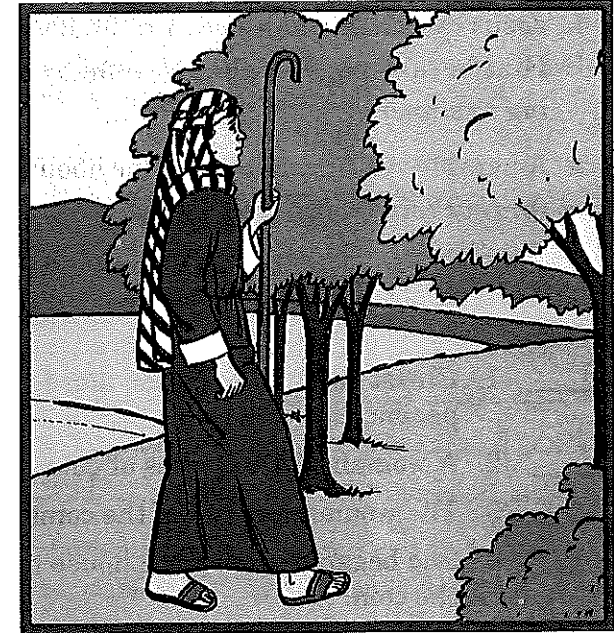
Fill in the blanks.

The publicans (or tax collectors) and \_\_\_\_\_ were coming to Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ objected to this and criticized Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

In this parable He said what man having \_\_\_\_\_ sheep and having lost \_\_\_\_\_ would not leave the ninety and nine in the \_\_\_\_\_ and seek the lost until he \_\_\_\_\_ it? When he finds the sheep what will he do with it? \_\_\_\_\_

### Draw A Line Under The Correct Answer

1. When the shepherd found his sheep he called in the (a) *neighbors* (b) *Pharisees* (c) *Scribes*.
2. The chief lesson this parable teaches is about (a) *being friendly with neighbors* (b) *hunting for a sheep* (c) *rejoicing over repentance*.
3. God made all people (a) *alike* (b) *different* (c) *same*.



**"I must find all my sheep!"**

4. Jesus told the parable because the Pharisees and Scribes criticized Him for (a) *being friendly with sinners* (b) *eating too much* (c) *preaching to sinners*.
5. A parable very much like the one about lost sheep is the (a) *Fish net* (b) *Lost coin* (c) *Prodigal son*.

### True - False

Write "true" if the statement is true and "false" if any part of the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Christ loves one sinner more than He does 99 righteous people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A woman had 10 pieces of gold.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The woman lost two of the coins.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. She began to sweep the house to keep from worrying about the coin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. She called in friends and neighbors to help her look for the coin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. In the workbook story Peter lost and then found his dog.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. There are too many people for God to be interested in just one person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. God made many people just alike.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. No two people have fingerprints exactly alike.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. We should never associate with bad sinners.

### Questions For Discussion

1. Repeat and explain the memory verse.
2. What are some evidences that God knows and loves every person even though there are so many?
3. Are there any reasons why people might be like the Pharisees and not be happy when a sinner repents?
4. Why do many people work harder to find some lost animal or money than to help save lost souls?
5. Should Christians keep company with sinners? Read and compare this with I Corinthians 15:33.

### Who Can Read This Message First?

If you cannot guess what the numbers stand for, the teacher can help you. Use your King James Version as you work on this exercise.

1. Psalm 83:18 #11 \_\_\_\_\_
2. II Corinthians 9:7 #21 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Psalm 128:1 #3&4 \_\_\_\_\_

### Find The Lost Sheep

1. Psalm 34:13 #1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Psalm 144:15 #1 \_\_\_\_\_
3. I Kings 18:43 #9 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Proverbs 28:2 #1 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jeremiah 14:1 #1 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Matthew 10:6 #6&7 \_\_\_\_\_

### Follow Directions And Read The Message

10 5 14 3 17    13 8 1 15 6    11 2 16    9 4 12 7

If the publicans complained about Jesus eating with sinners write O over 6, 12, 13, 14, and 17.

If the Pharisees complained about Jesus eating with sinners write S over 6, 12, 13, 14, and 17.

If the man had 100 sheep and lost one write J over 10.

If he had 99 sheep and lost one write T over 10.

If he called in friends and neighbors to rejoice write E over 1, 5, 8, and 16.

If he called them in to help hunt the sheep write O over 1, 5, 8, and 16.

If he carried the sheep on his shoulders write U over 3.

If Jesus said there will be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth write T over 7 and 11.

If Jesus said most people need no repentance write K over 9 and L over 15.

If Jesus said there is joy in the presence of angels write K over 15 and L over 9.

If the woman lost 10 pieces of silver write H over 4 and O over 2.

If she lost 1 piece of silver write H over 2 and O over 4.