



THE PARABLES

A 12-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Week 6 – God’s Heart for the Loss (Sunday, June 14, 2026) *Pursuing the One*

Introductory Remarks

The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin reveal the deep compassion and pursuing love of God. Jesus emphasizes that God actively seeks those who are spiritually lost and rejoices when even one person turns back to Him. These stories challenge the idea that people are merely numbers or statistics in God’s eyes. Every individual matters deeply to Him. The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep to search for the one that wandered away, and the woman carefully searches her house until she finds her lost coin. Both celebrations reflect Heaven’s joy over repentance and restoration. These parables also challenge Believers to reflect God’s heart by pursuing others with grace, compassion, and patience rather than judgment or indifference. God’s love is personal, intentional, and relentlessly pursuing.

Lesson Outline

- Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1–7)
- Lost Coin (Luke 15:8–10)

Key idea: God actively seeks the lost with joy

Questions

1. What do the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin reveal about God’s character?
2. Why do you think Heaven rejoices so greatly over one repentant sinner?
3. Have you ever experienced a season where you felt spiritually lost? What helped bring you back?
4. Why is it often easier to criticize lost people than to pursue them with compassion?
5. Who is someone that God may be calling you to intentionally pursue, encourage, or pray for?
6. How would our churches change if we truly reflected God’s heart for lost people?





Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Footnotes

- a. [Luke 15:8](#) Greek *ten drachmas*, each worth about a day’s wages

