

### ***Sermon Scripture Passage:***

**Luke 15:1-10** – Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 4 “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? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 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.’ 7 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.

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

### **Scripture References:**

**Matthew 23:1-7** – Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, 3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

**Ezekiel 34:10a, 11-12** - Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds...

11 “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 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 15:15-16** – No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide,

**I Corinthians 13:1-3** – If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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Parable of the Lost Sons #3 – Luke 15:1-10 – The Missing Element

*Question: What metaphor could you use to describe to a friend why Jesus is such good news?*

Luke 15:1-2 The scribes and Pharisees criticize the ministry work of Jesus.

15:3-32 Christ responds to them through 3 parables that have repeated story elements:

Something of \_\_\_\_\_ is lost

Someone \_\_\_\_\_ for what is lost

What is lost is found and brought \_\_\_\_\_

There is a \_\_\_\_\_

*What is the missing element from the 3rd parable, the Prodigal Son story?*

Matthew 23 The scribes were the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ leaders of Israel.

*What does Jesus say the scribes and Pharisees get wrong?*

Ezekiel 34:10 The Lord says, I am \_\_\_\_\_ the shepherds of Israel.

34:11-12 Their leaders are \_\_\_\_\_. *What will the Lord do to set things right?*

John 15:15-16 *What does it mean to be a friend of Jesus?*

Matthew 16:6 Jesus says to his disciples: Be on guard against \_\_\_\_\_

I Corinthians 13 *What is the essential element for our walk with Christ?*

*And what does it mean if that element is missing for a disciple?*

Answers for the blanks:

- Value
- Searches or seeks after
- Home
- Celebration
- Bible teachers and religious leaders
- Against
- Corrupt
- The yeast of the Pharisees and the Sadducees

*What is the missing element from the 3rd parable, the Prodigal Son story?*

- No one goes to search for the lost son.
- A True Brother who would seek after his lost brother

*What does Jesus say the scribes and Pharisees get wrong?*

- One – Hypocrites – They do not practice what they preach
- Two – Made knowing the Lord a heavy burden
- Three – Seek places of honor for themselves
- Four – Shut the Kingdom of heaven in people's faces
- Five – Disciple people into legalism – not to know God
- Six – They fashion the rules for their own benefit
- Seven – They miss/neglect what is truly important from God
- Eight – Only about outward appearance not true holiness
- Nine – They were working against God - *actively opposing what God was doing*