



Two Lost Parables Luke 15:1-10

Something to Start Us Off

- Have you ever lost something that was really valuable to you? Would you mind describing that situation?

Something to Notice

- Read the first two opening verses closely. Who are the characters present when Jesus tells the following stories?
- How did both the shepherd and the woman respond when they found their lost sheep and lost coin? See 15:5-6 & 9.
- What is the lesson Jesus concludes with at the end of each of the stories? See 15:7 & 10.

Something to Understand

The Parable of the Lost Sheep has a parallel in Matthew 18:12-13, where the context is somewhat different. The Parable of the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son which follows only appear here in Luke.

- The first two verses set up the context for us and help us understand this teaching. What reasons do you think Jesus had for telling these two stories?
- What do the lost items represent? And how about the shepherd and the woman? Who would they represent in real life?
- What do we learn here about heaven's response to the conversion of the unsaved? How does that differ from the initial response of the Pharisees and scribes?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 15, what lessons do we learn about the value we should place upon lost sinners?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 15:1-10 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?