



“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 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.”

Luke 15: 4-7



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Context: Pharisees “looked forward not to the **saving** but the **destruction** of the sinner” – William Barclay.

Jesus is responding to the grumbling and accusations of r_____ leaders. (Luke 15:1-3)

Jesus not only corrects them, but also embarrasses them calling out their hypocritical character (4-6). “Which one of _____?”

The Problem: Sheep cannot r_____!

The parable is not calling sinners to repentance.

The parable is calling the “righteous” to join the c_____.

People want m_____ for ourselves and j_____ for others.

Jesus’ Answer: “There will be m_____ joy in heaven over _____ sinner who repents than over _____ righteous . . .” (7)

“Those who find God’s mercy offensive cannot celebrate with the angels when a sinner repents. Thus they exclude themselves from God’s grace.”

– R. Alan Culpepper Professor of N.T.

Jesus shares stories of God’s h_____. Lost coin (8-10)

Jesus’ last story ends with an open question or warning.

It is a story of t_____ lost sons! (11)

The younger l_____ son is found in verses (12-24).

The older l_____ son is found in verses (25-32).



Repentance is not something we do once. Rather, it is a pathway away from ego rule and toward life in the Kingdom of Heaven. – Trevor Hudson

Jesus’ Action: Zacchaeus is a living object lesson (Luke 19:1-10).

“For the Son of Man came to see out and to save the _____.”

Our Response – Action Steps:

1. Write down three groups of people you don’t _____ and are _____: _____, _____, _____
2. What are the c_____ of those groups?
3. Which of the c_____ do you detect in your own life?
4. What s_____ are you laying down to help someone come home?

