



The Father Heart Of God | Pursuing The Lost | Luke 15:1-10

1. Do you have a 'lost and found' story you can share? What was lost? How was it found? Why was it worth looking for? What was the response once it was found? If there is one thing you would hate to lose today, what is it and why?

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2. What strikes you afresh or for the first time as you read these two parables? What, do you think, is the big message from each of the stories (or from the stories combined)?
3. Verses 1-3 explain why Jesus tells the parables contained in Luke 15. Who, in contemporary society, might religious people like the Pharisees and Scribes, grumble about Jesus spending time with, '*people of questionable reputation*'? Why? Are there specific groups of people you might be (or have been) tempted to question Jesus' association with?
4. Share your faith story. Tell the story of how Jesus searched for you and found you. Can you describe how/why you were lost? How does it feel to know that there was a party in heaven on the day you were saved (verse 7 & verse 10)?
5. In the stories, Jesus attaches spiritual meaning to the word 'lost'. How would you describe to being 'lost' to someone who does not know Jesus or even appreciate their need for him? Share your top tips for evangelism. How are Jesus' parables helpful with this regard?
6. Chris said that it's good news for all the sheep when Jesus leaves the 99 to rescue one...? How have you found this to be true in the life of CBC? How are baptisms a powerful reminder of this reality in the life of a local church?
7. In verse 7, Jesus speaks about '*ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.*' Who, do you think, was Jesus referring to? Matthew 9:9-13, which contains a similar theme, might help in your discussions.
8. What's our role in the search for the lost? Are there specific people who you would love join heaven with in the celebration because they've been found? Spend some time praying for these people.