# PARABLES

### JESUS THE STORYTELLER

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#### Luke 15:1-7 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.<sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> 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? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> 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.' <sup>7</sup> 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.

#### Matthew 18:12-14 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninetynine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.



### Part 9 | The Lost Sheep

Luke 15:1-7; Matthew 18:12-14

# The Good Shepherd carries the lost back to God.

### He diligently seeks us.

God does not want believers to isolate themselves from the world to such a degree that they never relate to the lost. Jesus was constantly out among people, especially people who did not know God. - Darrel Bock

### 'Lost people' matter to God.

Matthew 18:12-13; Luke 15:8-10

And ought to matter to us with equal urgency, because of the spiritual realities at stake for everyone.

# Jesus does not affirm that many roads lead to heaven.

Luke 15:7; John 3:17-18; John 3:36; 2 Peter 3:9; John 3:16

He is the narrow road that leads to life in heaven.

The wide and easy road leads to destruction.

### What road will you choose?

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# Parable of the Lost Sheep

### Hey parents!

Take some time this week to go through these discussion questions with your young child. Be sure to read Luke 15:1-7 and Matthew 18:12-14 alone or with them before you do!

In the Parable of the Lost Sheep, the good shepherd leaves 99 of his sheep to go find the 1 that was lost. That's how much he cared about finding that one sheep that others might not think was important.

- 1. What's something you've lost? Were you sad? Why?
- 2. How hard did you search for it?
- 3. God feels that way about you. How does it feel to think God will search to find you because he loves you?



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### Life Groups Return In the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you should get in a Life Group! — *Most groups take a break for the summer, so if you're interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the digital Connect Card at wawasee.today or stop by the Connect Desk.* Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups throughout the summer.

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## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Luke 12:16-21 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax **collectors** and **sinners** were all **drawing** near to **hear** him. <sup>2</sup> And the **Pharisees** and the **scribes grumbled**, **saying**, "This man **receives sinners** and **eats** with them." <sup>3</sup> So he **told** them this **parable**: <sup>4</sup> "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? <sup>5</sup> And when he has **found** it, he **lays** it on his **shoulders**, **rejoicing**. <sup>6</sup> 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**.' <sup>7</sup> 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**.