

The Least, Last, and Lost

Luke 15:1-7

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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "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? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 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.' 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 15:1-7 ESV)

1. The Gospel is a message of hope. (John 11:25)

2. The Gospel is a message of unconditional love. (Luke 10:10)

3. The Gospel is a message of grace. (Luke 15:20)

4. The Gospel is an invitation. (Revelation 3:20)

5. The Gospel was meant to be translated. (2 Thessalonians 3:1; Psalm 22:30, 31)

6. Working with a sense of urgency. (Romans 15:20, 21)

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