

# LifeGroup Deep Dive | “The Heart of the Shepherd” 05/03

## Main Passage:

Luke 15:1–10

## Supporting Passages:

*Isaiah 53:6, Ephesians 2:1–5, Matthew 9:35–38, John 10:11–16, 2 Peter 3:9, Luke 19:10*

## Main Idea / Question:

The question in Luke 15 is not simply “Who is lost?” but “What is God like toward the lost?”

This week we are not just asking: Who is the one far from God? We are asking: Have I grown in the heart of the Shepherd... or drifted toward the grumbling of the Pharisees?

## PORCH TALK

*(Surface → Soul conversation)*

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### Conversation Starters (choose 3–4)

What part of Sunday’s message stayed with you most?

Why do you think we instinctively create categories of “those people”?

Where have you seen religious people make grace feel smaller than Jesus does?

Who are the people modern Christians can quietly write off?

How does remembering “I was the one” reshape the way we see others?

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## LIVING ROOM

*(Deeper discipleship dialogue)*

### 1) The Scandal of Grace

**Read:** Luke 15:1–2; John 1:14

**Context:** The scandal in the text isn’t sinners drawing near. It’s religious people being offended by it.

**Say:** Grace is often most offensive to those who think they need the least of it.

**Ask (go slow):** Why do you think grace can feel threatening to religious pride? What does the Pharisees’ grumbling reveal about their vision of God? Where can we confuse holiness with distance? How does Jesus hold grace and truth together in ways we often separate? How can “those people” thinking show up subtly in us?

**Reflection Thought:** The scandal isn’t that sinners come near. The scandal is that grace welcomes them.

### 2) The Shepherd’s Joy Changes Everything

**Read:** Luke 15:3–7; Isaiah 53:6

**Say:** The Shepherd does not pursue reluctantly. He pursues rejoicing. That changes everything.

**Ask:** How does seeing God as joyful in pursuit reshape your view of Him? What does it do to remember: “I was the one.” Where have you been tempted to forget your own rescue? Why is gratitude central to spiritual maturity? How does remembering grace protect us from self-righteousness?

**Reflection Verse:** “All we like sheep have gone astray...” — Isaiah 53:6

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## 3) Hidden Lostness Is Still Lostness

**Read:** Luke 15:8–10; Ephesians 2:1–5

**Context:** The sheep wandered loudly. The coin was lost quietly. Both were lost.

**Say:** Some lostness is obvious. Some lostness is respectable. Both need rescue.

**Ask:** Why is hidden lostness harder to recognize? How can outward stability hide spiritual drift? What does the lost coin reveal about people who seem “fine”? Where can we assume someone is near to God simply because they appear moral? How does this challenge our assumptions about who needs grace?

**Reflection Thought:** Quiet lostness is still lostness.

## 4) If You’ve Been Found — Live With Gospel Urgency

**Read:** Matthew 9:35–38; Luke 19:10

**Say:** Found people should not merely celebrate being rescued. They should carry the heart of the Rescuer.

**Ask:** When was the last time you prayed for one person far from God by name? Where has gospel urgency grown cold in you? How can gratitude become mission? What would it look like for the Shepherd’s compassion to shape your everyday life? Do your instincts sound more like heaven rejoicing... or Pharisees grumbling?

**Reflection Verse:** “The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.” — Luke 19:10

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## AFTER GLOW

*(Prayerful reflection & ministry space)*

**Read:** Matthew 9:36

**Say:** Jesus looked at lost people... and felt compassion. Not annoyance. Not suspicion. Compassion.

**Reflective Questions** Where has my heart drifted from the compassion of Jesus? Where do I need a fresh Shepherd’s heart? Do I rejoice when grace goes outward? How is God inviting me to live with greater gospel urgency?

### Reflection Thought

The evidence we have been found... is that we begin caring about the lost.

## After Glow Moment — Pray for the One

Have everyone write down one person. Pray over those names together.

## FOLLOW-UP & CHALLENGE

Movement	Practice
<b>Eliminate a Category</b>	Refuse “those people” thinking.
<b>Recover Gratitude</b>	Remember you were the one.
<b>See With Shepherd Eyes</b>	Notice the hidden lostness around you.
<b>Carry the One</b>	Pray for one, move toward one.

**LEGACY CHALLENGE:** *Don’t just admire the Shepherd. Carry His heart. This week: Rejoice when grace moves outward. Refuse the posture of grumbling. Recover gratitude. Live with gospel urgency. Because found people find people...should sound more like heaven rejoicing than Pharisees muttering.*

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