

# **MEEKLY STUDY GUIDE**

# **WEEK 1: The Lost ONE**

## THE ONE SERIES OVERVIEW

Jesus came to seek and save lost people. When the lost are found, all of heaven rejoices over their salvation..

#### CONTEXT

In Luke 15:1-10, Jesus shares the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. These stories emphasize God's joy and the heavenly celebration over the repentance of even a single sinner, portraying His relentless pursuit of the lost and His infinite grace.

#### **LUKE 15 VIDEO OVERVIEW**

• Chapter 15

# SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-10

• Watch Scripture Video

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

#### The Lost Sheep

3 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? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying

#### Luke 15 continued:

to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 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.

#### The Lost Coin

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**ICEBREAKER:** Share a brief story about a time when you lost something important to you and how did you react when you found it?

## STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?



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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

Read Luke 15:1-10 together or watch the <u>scripture video</u> as a group.

What does Luke 15:1-10 teach us about who God is and His character?

Why do you think Jesus chose to spend time with sinners and tax collectors? What can we learn from His example? (see Mattew 9:9-13)

Why do you think the Pharisees and scribes were critical of Jesus for receiving sinners and eating with them?

How do the reactions of the Pharisees and scribes contrast with Jesus' approach to the lost? What does this teach us about self-righteousness?

What is the significance of Jesus ending both parables with the same proclamation (verse 7 & 10)? What does this teach us about God's heart for those far from Him?

Give everyone time to think about and write down something in their life that feels "lost" and that they are seeking. Share what feels "lost" to you and pray for God's guidance in finding the Truth for each other.

Who is your ONE? Take time to share your ONE who God has put in your life. Share any fears or obstacles that you have and covenant as a group to pray for each other.

Deeper Community: All of us are or have been the lost sheep in this parable. Share what your life was like when you were lost without Jesus and how He found and rescued you.

#### **PRAYFR**

\*For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into smaller (3-6 people) men's groups and women's groups or couples.

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests.

# Pray for your ONE by name!

Begin with prayer
Listen to their story
Eat with them
Serve them
Share your story and the story of Jesus

Closing Prayer: Lord, thank You for pursuing us and rescuing us from our own sin. Help us to have Your heart for the lost and give us the courage to share the Gospel with Your love and grace. In the power of Jesus' name, Amen.