



Sermon Discussion Guide

Joy of Being Found

Series: Joy with Jesus

Main Text: Luke 15:1–10

Introduction

This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there’s no need to go through them all. To learn more, visit silverdalebc.com/smallgroups.

Icebreaker Options

1. Have you ever lost something valuable and searched everywhere for it? What happened when you finally found it?
2. Tell of a time when you were lost – on a trip, in a store, in another country.

Leader’s Note

Luke 15 gives us a beautiful picture of the heart of God. Jesus tells stories about lost things being found to show that God deeply values people, relentlessly pursues them, and rejoices when they return to Him. This passage reminds us that no one is too far gone for God’s grace and that heaven celebrates every life changed by Jesus.

Main Points

1. Every Person Matters Deeply

Key Scripture: Luke 15:4–5; Mark 8:36

Discuss

- What does it reveal about God’s character that the shepherd was willing to leave the ninety-nine sheep to search for one lost sheep?
- When was a time you truly felt seen, valued, or pursued by God? How did that impact your relationship with Him?
- If every person truly matters deeply to God, how should that change the way we treat difficult people, overlooked people, or people far from God? What is one practical way you can show someone this week that they matter to God?

Leader’s Note

The shepherd searched because the sheep mattered to him. In the same way, God values every person deeply. Our worth is not based on success, appearance, possessions, or status—it is based on the fact that Jesus gave His life for us.

2. Every Person Gets Lost

Key Scripture: Luke 15:8–10; Isaiah 53:6

Discuss

- In Luke 15, the sheep drifted away while the coin was mishandled. Why is that distinction important?
- How can hurt, disappointment, or broken relationships cause someone to feel spiritually lost?
- What is one area of your life where you may be slowly drifting from God without even realizing it—and what practical step can you take this week to move back toward Him?

Leader’s Note

People become lost in different ways. Some wander gradually through compromise and distraction. Others are wounded by sin, pain, or mistreatment. Jesus understands both kinds of lostness and responds with compassion and grace.

3. God Relentlessly Pursues Us

Key Scripture: Luke 19:10; Luke 15:5–6

Discuss

- What stands out to you about the shepherd carrying the sheep on his shoulders?
- Why is it encouraging to know that God pursues us even when we are not looking for Him?
- Share a time when you sensed God pursuing or drawing you back to Him.

Leader's Note

Jesus described His mission as seeking and saving the lost. God does not stand at a distance waiting for us to fix ourselves. He comes after us with grace, compassion, and rescue. Like the shepherd carrying the sheep home, Jesus does for us what we could never do on our own.

4. You Are Wildly Celebrated

Key Scripture: Luke 15:7, 10; Psalm 16:11

Discuss

- What does it tell us about God that heaven celebrates when one sinner repents?
- Why do you think Christians sometimes become more excited about temporary things than eternal things?
- What would need to change in your priorities, prayers, or schedule for your life to show that you celebrate what God celebrates?

Leader's Note

God is joyful, and heaven rejoices when people come home to Him. Jesus wanted the Pharisees—and us—to understand that God's heart is full of joy over redeemed people. Followers of Jesus should share that same joy and passion for reaching others

Closing Prayer

Spend time thanking God for pursuing you with His love and grace. Pray for people in your life who may feel lost or far from God. Ask the Lord to help your group reflect His heart by loving people deeply, celebrating changed lives, and joyfully joining His mission to seek and save the lost.