

Luke 15:1-7 – Distorted Images of God: Abandons Us?

### My Story

1. As a child did you ever get separated from your parents in a public place? What happened? How were you found?

### Digging Deeper

2. How does Jesus' parable relate to the grumbling of the Pharisees in v.2? What are some other examples of times when the Pharisees complained about Jesus' association with sinners?
3. Why would Jesus use sheep as an example to describe people, whether lost or found? How does Isaiah 65:1-3 relate to this parable?

4. If the shepherd is the one who goes out and finds the lost sheep, why does Jesus mention repentance in v.7?

### Reflection

5. The church should rejoice with all heaven over every lost sheep that is found, and we should welcome them to our fellowship. But, we are also to be actively involved in the search for lost sheep. What are some ways we seek those who are lost?
6. How do you know if your current spiritual state is "lost" or "found"? If you are comfortable, share about when you realized you were a "lost sheep."

# SERMON NOTES

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## Taking the Next Step

There are people that churches sometimes have a harder time ministering to. Ask God to help you see ways in which we might do better at identifying and reaching these people with the love of Christ.

## Praises / Prayer Requests

