

## **STUDY GUIDE: PARABLE:** “The Found Ones” (Luke 15)

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Have you ever lost something important? (wallet, keys, phone, etc.?)
2. Have you ever had to humble yourself and admit you were wrong? Explain the situation

**Study:** Read Luke 15 in preparation for the following questions.

3. What is the background of these parables?
4. What are the primary points of these parables? (Sum it up in brief sentences.)
5. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASB, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASB—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“grumble” (Luke 15:2)—

--“sinner” (Luke 15:10)—

--“repents” (Luke 15:10)—

--“worthy” (Luke 15:19)—

--“celebrate” (Luke 15:32)—

6. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

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7. What are some characteristics of God you find in chapter 15?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Do a quick search (in a google, Bible encyclopedia, Bible background commentary, etc.) and find the value of the lost coin. Think about the culture and time, and what that much money meant to the people in that time. What does this tell you about the value of salvation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Based on your understanding of the word “grumble” in verse 15:2 were the Pharisees in sin? Please explain.

**Taking It Home** (You won't be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

10. What do the parables of the lost and found teach us about God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. The prodigal son had to see the error in his ways and come to repentance to come home, what would that look like in our modern culture?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. In the parable of the prodigal son there are two sons, which do you mostly identify with? What were their sins?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What should your response be to these parables?