

February 23 - The Lost, Found, and Celebration
Luke 15:1-10

Big Idea: Rejoice with all of heaven because Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

A. The Set-up...an accusation

- a. Tax collectors
- b. "Sinners"

2. The lost sheep

- a. The search – relentless
- b. The find – Carried on shoulders, a joyful burden
- c. The celebration – communal/shared joy.

3. The lost coin

- a. The search – effort, time, and cost involved in relentless pursuit until recovery
- b. The find – communal celebration
- c. The celebration – joy arises!

4. The application

- a. Sinners are lost.
- b. God goes to great lengths to save his people.
 - He takes the initiative.
 - He paid the cost.
 - He finds us and then keeps us safe.
- c. Join in the joy of the Lord.