

## THE PARABLES OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A Bible Study Series  
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### THE LOST SHEEP THE LOST COIN

*Luke 15: 1 - 7*

*Luke 15: 8 - 10*

*Matthew 18: 12 - 14*

1. The climax of both parables comes when the shepherd (in one parable) and the woman (in the other) exclaim, "Rejoice with me." When have you felt rejoiced over and cherished with such delight? Have you ever rejoiced in such a way?
2. The woman in search of a lost coin doesn't jeopardize the safety of nine other coins as she searches for the one that is lost. But it can be argued that a shepherd leaving 99 sheep alone jeopardizes the welfare of the entire flock for the sake of a search for one that may or may not be successful. What do you make of that?
3. The Gospel of Luke shares the story of the lost sheep with the Gospel of Matthew. Luke adds the story of the lost coin; it is unique to his gospel. What nuance to the lesson of God searching for us when we are lost do you see Luke adding?



*I will open my mouth in story, drawing lessons from of old. We have heard them, we know them; our ancestors have recited them to us.*

— Psalm 78: 2 - 3