

## THE BOOK OF LUKE

Bible 101 — Summit View Church of Christ

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## LUKE 15

### Luke 15:1-2 — The Problem

15:1-2 — Who were gathering around Jesus to hear him? \_\_\_\_\_

- Why, in your opinion, might this have bothered religious leaders like the Pharisees and the teachers of the law?

*Recall situations earlier in Luke in which some “righteous” people around Jesus disapproved of his interactions with “sinners”:*

- *Luke 5:27-32 — Pharisees and teachers of the law complained because Jesus’ disciples ate and drank with \_\_\_\_\_ and sinners. How did Jesus explain his association with such people?*
- *Luke 7:36-39 — A \_\_\_\_\_ thought Jesus would have disapproved of a certain woman touching him because that woman was a \_\_\_\_\_. How did Jesus explain his acceptance of this woman?*

### Luke 15:3-7 — First Response

- What gets lost?
- What does the shepherd do about it?
- How does the shepherd feel after finding what he lost? How can you tell?
- 15:7 — What does this parable teach us about God?
- How does this lesson respond to the Pharisees’ and teachers’ complaint in verse 2?

*The Parable of the Lost Sheep in Matthew 18:10-14 is almost identical to the parable in Luke 15:3-7. But in Matthew, Jesus tells this parable to his disciples. Notice verses 1-5, 10, and 14. What is Jesus’ lesson in this parable in Matthew?*

### Luke 15:8-10 — Second Response

- What gets lost?
- What does the woman do about it?
- How does the woman feel after finding what she lost? How can you tell?
- 15:10 — What does this parable teach us about God?
- How does this lesson respond to the Pharisees’ and teachers’ complaint in verse 2?

### Luke 15:11-32 — Third Response

- What gets lost?
- What does the father do about it?
- How does the father feel after finding what he lost? How can you tell?

In this parable, whom does the father represent? \_\_\_\_\_

- Whom does the older son represent? \_\_\_\_\_
- Whom does the younger son represent? \_\_\_\_\_

15:12-13 — What did the younger son do wrong? List as many sins/mistakes as you notice:

15:14-16 — What changed the younger son's attitude and perspective?

15:17-19 — What did the younger son decide to do?

15:20-24 — List the things the father did when his younger son returned home:

15:25-27 — How did the older son hear about his brother's return?

15:28-30 — Why was the older son angry?

- What do you think the older son might have wanted from his father?
- What do you think the older son thought should happen to his brother?
- *Notice that the older son's attitude toward his brother aligns closely with the attitude of the Pharisees and teachers of the law toward sinners in verse 2.*

15:31-32 — Why did the father feel that "we had to celebrate and be glad" over his son's return?

- What do you think Jesus is trying to say to the Pharisees and teachers of the law...
  - ...about tax collectors and sinners?
  - ...about themselves?
  - ...about God?
- What do you think Jesus wanted the Pharisees and teachers of the law to do?
- What is one way we can apply this teaching to our interactions as followers of Jesus in our families, our social circles, the church, and the community?