



Sermon Discussion Guide

04.20.25 Message | Tyler Myers | Luke 15:1-32

Key Scripture (ESV):

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe,



and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in.

**His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"*

- Luke 15:1-32

Message Highlights:

- The resurrection is proof that nothing lost is beyond Jesus' ability to redeem and restore.
- There is power when honesty is brought alongside restoration.
- The Gospel moves us from being defined by sin to being defined by our identity as children of God.
- We must not only know the power of Jesus but also walk in the practices of Jesus.
- Grumbling steals our gratitude and distracts us from the joy of the Gospel.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's something you've lost that made you realize how much it mattered to you?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- Tyler said during the sermon, "Sin doesn't define my destiny or identity." In what ways do we still live as if our past sin defines us?
- What stood out about Tyler's point was that we must experience the resurrection, not just know it. What does this mean to you?
- How does practicing gratitude on a regular basis help fight the pull of grumbling?
- Tyler shared the importance of honesty in partnering with restoration. How do you respond when you are invited to be honest with God?



- What keeps people from walking in the life-changing practices of Jesus, even if they believe in his power?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- Why do you think Jesus used three different parables to describe the experience of being lost and found? (Luke 15:1-32)
- What do each of the three stories in Luke 15 uniquely reveal about God's heart for the lost? (Luke 15:1-32)
- What might it look like in your own life to "come to yourself" as the prodigal son did? (Luke 15:17)
- How does the older brother's response challenge our understanding of God's grace? (Luke 15:28-30)
- In what ways does the father's reaction redefine what it means to welcome someone back? (Luke 15:20-24)

THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

- What part of your life feels most in need of being found, restored or redeemed?
- Where might you be resisting the resurrection work God wants to do in you?
- What keeps you from seeing yourself through the lens of God's compassion?

THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)

- Identify someone in your life who seems lost. How can you reflect the heart of the Father toward them?
- Do you find it easy to be a grumbler in life? If so, what are some ways you believe that grumbling impacts those around you? What are some things you can implement that will help you to reflect Jesus instead of grumbling?
- What's one practice of Jesus you can walk in this week to help you embody resurrection life?

THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- How does God's joy over one sinner who repents challenge your view of what really matters in the Kingdom?
- What does Luke 15 reveal about the value of each individual in God's Kingdom?