

Making Room for the Lost
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Luke 15:1–7

Big Idea: Jesus leaves the **ninety-nine** to pursue the one – so should we.

1: Stop Judging People by Appearances

Luke 15:1–2

"Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'"

2: Start Pursuing People Who Need Jesus

Luke 15:3–6a

"Then Jesus told them this parable: 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.'"

3: Prepare for the Joy of Soul Winning

Luke 15:6b–7

"Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."