

## **GETTING STARTED:**

1. If your home was on fire and you could only save 1 thing, what would it be?
2. What is the most valuable thing (either monetarily or sentimentally) that you have ever lost? Did you find it?

## **DIGGING DEEPER:**

### **Read Luke 15:1-10**

3. What is the occasion for Jesus telling this parable?
4. How does Jesus' parable of the sheep relate to the muttering of the Pharisees? What is Jesus' point in this?
5. How do you visualize the woman searching for the coin? What is Jesus' point in this parable?
6. If you were the shepherd/woman, do you think you would throw a party as a result of finding the thing that was lost?
7. Why does Jesus emphasize the idea of rejoicing over finding the 'lost' thing? How does this reaction speak to the attitude and reaction of the Pharisees to Jesus' ministry?

## **APPLYING THE LESSON**

8. What is your story of being 'found' by Jesus?
9. What do these parables tell you about your value to God?
10. In Jesus' day, the 'lost ones' were Tax collectors and sinners. Who are the 'lost ones' in our day? In what ways do these parables affect the way we regard them?