

Luke 15 Life Group Questions

1. When have you experienced feeling “lost” spiritually, emotionally, or relationally? What stood out to you most from the definition of “lost” in this message?

Lost: Disconnected or separated from God, out of place and unable to return on your own. And yet, still deeply valued and worth pursuing.

How does that definition change the way you think about yourself or others?

2. Read Luke 15:1–2 together. Why do you think sinners were drawn toward Jesus while the Pharisees were frustrated by Him?

What does this reveal about the heart of Jesus?

In what ways can Christians today accidentally create barriers that keep hurting or broken people from wanting to move toward Jesus?

3. Pastor Jon asked the question: “Who are ‘those people’ for you?” Why is that such an uncomfortable but important question?

How does remembering that we were once lost change the way we view people who are far from God today?

Challenge: Is there someone in your life you may have judged, avoided, or written off spiritually? What would it look like to move toward them with the heart of Jesus instead?

4. In the parable of the lost sheep, the shepherd goes after the one sheep “until he finds it.” What does that teach us about the persistence and pursuit of God?

How have you personally experienced God pursuing you during a season when you drifted or struggled spiritually?

Supporting Scriptures:

- Ezekiel 34:11
- John 10:11
- Psalm 23

5. The sermon had a repeatable phrase: “Jesus doesn’t shame wandering sheep. He pursues them.” Why is that distinction important?

How does knowing that heaven celebrates repentance, not perfection, change the way you approach God after failure, sin, or drifting?

Practical Application: Is there an area of your life where God may be convicting you right now? What would responding quickly to Him look like this week instead of delaying it?

6. Which of the three practical steps against drifting do you most need right now?

1. Stay close to the Shepherd daily.
2. Spend time with other believers.
3. Respond quickly when God convicts you.

Be honest with your group: which one is hardest for you, and why?

Group Challenge: Before leaving tonight, share one practical action you will take this week to stay connected to Jesus and avoid drifting spiritually.