## Lost Cast – Part 4 Luke 15:1-7

"Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! So Jesus told them this story: 'If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep." In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!" Luke 15:1-7 (p.797)

• Challenge: I Will Invite My One.

## **BARRIERS:**

You Do You -VS- Biblical Truth: We live under and surrender to the authority of God's Word.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:10 (p.801)

**Lost:** spiritually <u>disconnected</u> from God. Living without the hope, purpose, and salvation that only Jesus can provide, leaving you...

- Truly in need of a Savior.
- And longing for more to life than what you are <u>experiencing</u>.
  (True peace, joy, purpose, transformation.)

Why does it matter? Because everyone spends eternity somewhere.

<u>Heaven</u>: Is the fulfillment of our <u>deepest longing</u> - to be with the God who created us and loves us. It is the destination we were made for.

"Look, God's home is now among his people! ...He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelation 21:3–4 (p.961)

<u>Hell:</u> is the <u>eternal separation</u> from God. It's not just a place of punishment - it's the absence of everything good, because God is the source of all goodness.

"...outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 8:12 (p.739)

"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life." Matthew 25:46 (p.757)

"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way." Matthew 7:13 (p.738)

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6 (p.823)
<b>My Next Step This Week:</b> I will invite my "one" to join me for the Big Event at Alive Church (August 23/24).
Series Memory Verse: "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (p.785)