

Passage Outline:

Vs. 1-3

- **Those attracted to Jesus**
 - **Tax collectors**
 - **Sinners**
 - **Pharisees and scribes**
 - **They grumble**
 - **They characterize Jesus**
 - **Jesus' response**

Vs. 4-7

- **His first response:**
 - **A shepherd; a lost sheep**
 - **Until he finds**
 - **Upon his shoulders, rejoicing**
 - **Celebration**
 - **Joy in Heaven**

Vs. 8-10

- **His second response:**
 - **A woman; a lost coin**
 - **A light and broom**
 - **Seeking with concern**
 - **Celebration: "I lost"**
 - **Joy among angels**
- **A changed heart/mind**

Key words/ thoughts:

draw near (ἐγγίζω); **sinners** (ἁμαρτωλός); **welcome** (προσδέχομαι); **someone** (τις); **desert** (ἔρημος); **shoulder** (ὤμος); **rejoice** (χαίρω); **righteous** (δίκαιος); **repent** (μετανοέω); **woman** (γυνή); **drachma** (δραχμή); **care-fully** (ἐπιμελῶς); **friend** (φίλη)

Questions:

Have you ever lost anything? Have you ever lost a pet? Have you ever lost a ring? Have you ever lost a child? Have you ever been lost?

What is it to lose ...? What is it like to find ...?

In these two parables, is God "a shepherd"; is God "a woman"? Why do you think so?

How do you think the religious leaders heard these two parables?