

The River Church  
50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 39  
Luke 15

Memory Verse: "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:7 NASB1995

**Verses 1-7**

In verse 3, Jesus responds to the Pharisees with a parable. Why would Jesus choose to do this instead of responding directly?

What is a parable? Why does Jesus teach this way?

The Parable of the Lost sheep offers not only an important truth about God, but also about man. What does this parable teach about humanity?

Within the context of the Pharisees original statement in verse 2, how would they receive this teaching?

Are we at danger of this mindset today?

### **Verses 8-10**

This parable is one of the shortest that Jesus teaches. While it has similar truth to the parable of the lost sheep, what is distinct about this parable?

What do the woman and the coin represent?

The finding of the coin in verse 9 is likened to a repentant sinner in verse 10. What truth is in this comparison about our ability to repent and the power of God in our lives?

How do we balance our *decision* to repent with the truth about the woman *finding* the coin?

### **Verses 11-32**

The Prodigal Son is perhaps one of the most well known parables, but is often taught alone. Does its meaning change or differ when read in the context of the first two parables of this chapter?

What caused the son to decide to leave?

How does the meaning of wealth change throughout this parable?

What caused the Son to return home?

Who does the Older Son represent?

How does the Father's view of the prodigal son differ from the Older Brother's?

How would the Pharisees view the Older brother?

Are we at danger of being the older brother today?

Does the Church face issues like this today? What simple truth from this parable can shift our mindset?