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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01

Print the PDF.

-or-

02

Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03

Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of September 4th // Conversation September 10th

Rejoicing Over The Lost

Today, we're going to look at some of Jesus' teachings regarding things that were lost and have been found. We hope this will be a very encouraging devotional time for you!




pray.

Psalm 23 is one with which we are probably all familiar. Let's begin here for our prayer time with the Lord today.

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³ He renews my strength He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. (NLT)

Pray that the Lord would guide you along right paths this morning and you would find your rest in His abundantly green meadows

observe.

- 01**  every use of the word "lost", including pronouns that describe something that was lost like a sheep or a coin.
- 02** Put a  over every mention of Jesus.
- 03** Put a  over every reference to time like "when" and "often".



Luke 15:1-7 (NLT)

¹ Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.

² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

³ So Jesus told them this story: ⁴ “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? ⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ 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.

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”



interpret.

01 Who were the people coming to hear Jesus teach? How are they described?

02 What are the reactions of the Pharisees and the religious teachers to their presence?



interpret.

03 What does the shepherd in this story do about his one lost sheep? What does that tell you about his care and concern for it?

04 How does the shepherd come home? What is his attitude/demeanor?

04 What is the reaction in Heaven over “a lost sheep” and when one sinner repents?

apply.

01 What happens inside of your heart when you hear of someone turning back to Christ? Perhaps it's someone who has walked away for years and is now making their way back to a close relationship with Jesus. Or maybe it's someone coming to Christ for the first time. What is your reaction? Is it like that of the shepherd?

02 What do you think happened in Heaven the day you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If you haven't taken that step, can you imagine the reaction based upon this Scripture? What does that say to your heart?

bring it together.

There were “notorious sinners” coming to hear the teachings of Jesus. These were the very people Jesus wanted to come to Him. They are the lost sheep that needed to hear the saving message of The Messiah.

Unfortunately, the teachers of the religious law and the Pharisees showed contempt for these people. They complained that Jesus was even associating with them!

Yet look at the stories Jesus told! Look at the reaction of the lost sheep and the lost coin! There is rejoicing and celebrating when the lost are found again!

If you want to extend your quiet time with the Lord this week, read the rest of Luke 15:11-32 for another story about celebrating the return of things that were once lost.

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