

## **The Parable of the Lost Sheep - Luke 15:1-7**

**Topics:** Hypocrisy, Reconciliation, Repentance, Restoration, Sin

### **Open It**

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “sinner”?
- \* 2. As a child, when was a time you got lost from your family or a group?

### **Explore It**

3. Who had gathered to hear Jesus? (15:1)
4. What were the Pharisees and teachers of the law doing? (15:2)
5. Why were the Pharisees and teachers of the law grumbling? (15:2)
6. What did Jesus do instead of directly rebuking the religious leaders? (15:3)
- \* 7. What does a conscientious shepherd do when one of the flock is lost? (15:4)
8. How does a shepherd bring a lost sheep home? (15:5)
- \* 9. What happens when a shepherd returns to his home and flock after finding a lost sheep? (15:6)
- \* 10. How does heaven react when a sinner repents? (15:7)
11. What causes God to rejoice most? (15:7)
12. What kind of people do not need to repent? (15:7)

### **Get It**

13. Why did the religious leaders miss the point of what Jesus’ ministry was about?
- \* 14. Why did Jesus choose a parable about sheep to make His point?
15. How might the one sheep have gotten lost?
- \* 16. In what ways do we go astray?
17. How does the picture of “rejoicing in heaven” over repentance make you feel?
18. In what situations are you most tempted to stray from God?

### **Apply It**

- \* 19. What can you do this week to help a fellow believer who may be straying from God’s ways?
20. What practical step can you take to avoid tempting situations?