

## JOY AT THE RECOVERY OF A SINNER

*Luke 15:1-10*

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### Background (v. 1-3)

The parables were given in response to a complaint by the Pharisees and the teachers of the law that Jesus had received sinners and even ate with them.

- Parable of the lost sheep (v. 4-7)
  - The shepherd takes the initiative in seeking out the lost sheep
  - The recovery of the lost sheep leads to shared joy
  
- Parable of the lost coin (v.8-10)
  - A search with “a lamp” was needed to find the lost coin
  - The recovery of the lost coin leads to shared joy
  
- Common in both parables:
  - The search takes work and time
  - What is searched for seems (on the surface) to be a modest object
  - Yet in both cases, the recovery of what was lost leads to rejoicing with others

Application: God rejoices over a sinner who repents.

For reflection: Do we see the joy in the recovery of a Sinner? If yes, are we willing to take initiative to search for the lost and the least in our society?