

Discussion Questions

1. **Approaching vs. Grumbling**

In Luke 15, sinners are “drawing near” to hear Jesus while the Pharisees are grumbling. Which posture do you tend to slip into more often and why?

2. **Echoes of the Wilderness**

The word for “grumbling” in Luke 15 echoes Israel’s wilderness complaints (Exod 16). What does that connection teach us about the danger of resisting God’s work in others?

3. **God’s Personal Pursuit**

The shepherd risks everything for one sheep. How does this image reshape your view of God’s care for you personally?

4. **Being Found vs. Finding Yourself**

The sheep doesn’t walk home. The coin doesn’t crawl out of the dust. What does this teach us about the nature of repentance and salvation?

5. **Nathan’s Story**

How did Nathan’s baptism testimony connect with these parables? In what ways does his journey mirror the lost being found?

6. **Heaven’s Metric**

Heaven throws a party when one sinner repents. What metrics do we tend to use in church or family life instead of joy over repentance?

7. **Small Steps, Big Celebration**

What’s a small step toward Jesus you’ve seen recently (in your life, family, or group) that deserves celebration? How could you lead that celebration?

8. **Joining the Search**

Jesus calls His disciples to join Him in seeking the lost. Who is one person you can pray for and pursue with intentional love this week?

9. **The Father’s Welcome**

In the parable that follows (the prodigal son), the Father runs to welcome His child home. How does this image deepen the call to not just “tolerate” but actually rejoice when someone comes back to God?

10. **Living the Lesson**

The lesson for the road was: *Walking with Jesus means joining the search and sharing the joy, because heaven rejoices when the lost are found.* What is one practical way you will live that out this week?