

Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

SSBC Luke Bible Study #56

Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.

Passage: Luke 15:1-10

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Lost and Found

I literally began preparing to write this study while sitting on top of one of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. What a great spot for listening to God's Word!

On my way down, enjoying the echoes of my time in the Word and prayer, I passed two hunters all decked out in camouflage gear and carrying bows. I asked what they were hunting for, and they said big horn sheep. I cringed inside for the sheep – which seem like pretty helpless targets for these well-equipped hunters. (I learned the next day that they were poachers hunting illegally.)

But my cringing turned to laughter when about 3 minutes down the mountain I came upon a flock of about 20 big horn sheep standing right beside the path where the hunters had just come up! I guess the sheep knew to hide from the hunters. But they seemed to know I wasn't a threat, so they made no effort to run or hide from me.

God loves and protects his sheep. And He especially cares for the lost ones. Are you lost? Know someone who needs to be found by the Great Shepherd? Open your Bible, open your heart & mind, listen for his voice.

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4. Next, use this chart to **interpret some key observations**.

a. Select a few of your observations & questions from pages 2-3 that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and interpret and apply them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

Observation What does it say?	Interpretation What does it mean?

5. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- **S**ins to avoid
- **P**romises to believe
- **E**xamples to follow (remember "SPECK")
- **C**ommands to obey
- **K**nowledge to share

Don't just write things to write them – listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

Application How do I apply what it means?

