

Bible Study 12 – Jesus' response to sinners – Luke 15:1-10

In the game hide-and-seek you have to go looking for the people who are hiding. What would happen if you covered your eyes, counted to 100, said “coming ready or not” and then just walked away from the game? Everyone who was hiding would wonder if you were ever going to try and find them. Maybe they would eventually give up playing the game. That’s what the Pharisees thought Jesus should do. They thought He should give up on sinners and tax collectors and other people they didn’t approve of and stay away from them. But Jesus didn’t agree with the Pharisees and told some parables to show them how wrong their thinking really was.

The context	Jesus began His ministry in Galilee and later moved to Judea. Samaria was between Galilee and Judea. The location of this incident may have been on the way to Jerusalem (9:51; 13:22; 17:1). After Jesus taught the Pharisees to be humble and generous, He used a parable to indicate that the Jews would reject His message and it would be accepted by others. People who were outcasts (like tax collectors and sinners) were attracted to His teaching.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 15:1-10

Lost (v.1-4)	
Found (v5-7)	
Lost (v.8)	
Found (v.9-10)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. In this passage of the Bible, what are the two different responses shown to outcasts (tax collectors and sinners)?

The Pharisees attitude:

Jesus’ attitude:

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Jesus came to look for lost people and save them. He mixed with outcasts in order to rescue them from spiritual darkness. When they confessed their sin and turned to follow God, there was great joy in heaven.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points