

Listen Up!

Luke 15

Parable of the Lost Sheep



THE SETTING

What does Jesus mean when he says *whoever has ears to hear let him hear*



Deaf people cannot hear Jesus yes no

You need to learn the language yes no

You need to think deeply about the *meaning* of what Jesus says yes no

Three groups of people were there (verses 1&2)

The P _____ who despised Jesus

The S _____ who listened to Jesus

The D _____ who were following Jesus



The word **Sinner** means

Someone who has W _____ off the pathway.

In the Bible it is used as a picture for anyone who isn't following **God's** path of righteousness. In reality that is (circle your answer)

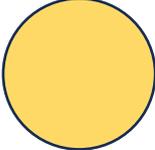


A few people Most people All of us

But in this story when the **Pharisees** used the word *Sinners* they particularly meant people who didn't follow all the rules and regulations which *they* had invented.

THE STORY

Think about a time you lost something important. Did you spend a lot of time looking for it?.

How did you feel when you found it  (draw face)

In the parable the Shepherd is doing the searching. Who does that represent? (Hint: check out the memory verse at the end) _____

THE SIGNIFICANCE

Fill in the blanks from Luke 15 verse 7

The same way there will be more _____ over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent



Who do you think is rejoicing (really happy)?



The word *Repentance* means turning around and going the other way. So if a Sinner is someone who has *wandered from* God's path, someone who Repents has *turned back* to join God's path.

What do you think that means in practice? (tick all you think)

- Being truly sorry for things you've done wrong and asking God to forgive you
- Realising God is happy and good to know!
- Finding out more about how to follow God's path knowing that will make you happy too!



Who am I?

When Jesus told this parable it wasn't just a nice bedtime story but if we have ears to hear we have to put ourselves into the story



Do I picture myself as

- # Someone who is basically good and doesn't really need any help from anyone
- # Someone who is far away from Jesus but wants to come near to Jesus
- # Someone who already knows you are loved and rescued by Jesus – and who knows the only way to stay on the right path is to stick close to Jesus

Jesus said 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.' John 10:14-15



Have you got any questions about what you've heard? If so write them down...



What is God calling you to do? Write it down...



What do you need God's help with? Write it down...