

Bible Study Discussion 2014-2015



**Lesson 21: Parables
Luke 14:15-24; 15:1-32**

Lostness, Seeking, and JOY



Lostness, Seeking, and *JOY*

Luke 14:15-24 and Luke 15:1-32

- **The Hoping Host**
- **The Seeking Shepherd**
- **The Sweeping Seeker**
- **The Forgiving Father**

The Hopeful Host

Luke 14:25-24

Lost: Opportunity and People

1) Lost Opportunity for Invited Guests

- **Excuses and Priorities**
- **An excuse is the skin of a reason
stuffed with a lie - Billy Sunday**

2) Lost People Invited as Guests

The Seeking Shepherd

Luke 15:1-7

Lost Sheep

Foolish Sheep

Isaiah 53:6

1 Peter 2:25



The Sweeping Seeker

Luke 15:8-10

Lost Coin

Carelessness of owner



The Forgiving Father

Luke 15:11-32

Lost Son(s)

Rebellious son



Self-Righteous son

Lostness

Lost versus Found

Lost = being out of place

Lost = being out of service

Found = back in place

Found = back in service

The Hopeful Host

Luke 14:25-24

Who is seeking?

The Host

| Where | How | Who | Represented |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Streets and lanes of the city | Quickly | Poor, crippled, blind, lame | Despised Jews who were not able to observe the traditional laws of ritual purity – sometimes called “the people of the land” |
| Outside the city along the highways and hedges | Compel them | | Gentiles |

The Seeking Shepherd

Luke 15:1-10

Who is seeking?

The Shepherd



The Sweeping Seeker

Luke 15:8-10

Who is seeking?

The owner



The Forgiving Father

Luke 15:11-32

Who is seeking?

Repentant Son



The Forgiving Father

Luke 15:11-32

Finding your way

| The Son | Jesus Christ |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| He was lost (v. 24) | "I am the way" |
| He was ignorant (v. 17) | "I am the truth" |
| He was dead (v. 24) | "I am the life" |

Seeking

**God actually searches
for lost sinners!**

The Wiersbe Bible Commentary

JOY

Four-fold joy

- 1) Person found**
- 2) Person who does the finding**
- 3) Others join in the rejoicing**
- 4) Heaven and angels**

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In the Highways

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EC7COEi_kdY&list=RDEC7COEi_kdY#t=55

**In the highways in the hedges
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord**

**Where he wants me, I am going
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord**

Applying the Lesson in your Life

Where are you being called to seek the lost and share God's joy?

Make a list of two or three places/people that you think are lost and pray about ways to reach out to them.

Pick one and reach out this week.