



Week beginning September 14th

Lost and Found

Opening Questions

- Have you ever lost and then found something very precious to you? How would you describe your feelings through the whole experience.
- How did you first come to know Jesus? Was it an immediate joyful experience or was it a process which took some time?

Getting into the text

Read Luke 15:1-10

- What were the Pharisees and teachers of the law objecting to?
- Why do you think Jesus told these two parables in response?
- What do the parables tell you about the extent of God's love for each person who has gone 'astray'?

- What is the reaction in heaven when a sinner repents?

Applying the Bible to your life

- In what ways are these parables encouraging?

- What do they tell you about how to respond to someone who seems to have turned away from Jesus?

- Unlike Jesus' listeners, people today might not identify with lost sheep or coins from a necklace. Can you suggest ways to re tell the parables for a modern-day audience?

Something to pray about

Peter wrote, **'The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.'** (2 Peter 3:9)

- Spend some thanking God that he sent Jesus to be your Saviour.
- Pray for anyone you know who has turned away from God and his ways, asking that he would draw them back.
- Pray for organisations in your community and beyond which are working with those who seem to have lost their way in life.