

Parables and Stories

Lost and Found

Luke 15:1-10

1. Summarize the Story?
2. Is this a True Story or a Made-Up Story?
3. Specific Questions About the Story:
 - A. Who is the audience for the parables in this chapter? Why were these people there (Luke 15:1)?
 - B. What was the circumstance which precipitated these parables (Luke 15:2)?
 - C. What is the major emphasis of these two parables (Luke 15:5, 6, 7, 9, 10; see also Luke 15:24, 32)?
 - D. Who is the man in the first story and the woman in the second story? Who is the single lost sheep in the first story and the single lost coin in the second story?
 - E. Who rejoices when what was lost has been found (Luke 15:6, 9)?
 - F. What is the occasion for God to rejoice (Luke 15:7, 10)?
 - G. Shepherds were considered to be at the bottom of the social ladder of many societies including the Jews (cf. Gen. 46:34). Compare that with how the imagery of a shepherd is used in the Scriptures (see: Ps. 23:1-4; Ezek. 34:11-16; John 10:1ff).
 - H. What is important about the reference to the “99 righteous persons who need no repentance” of verse 7 (Luke 15:1-2; compare with: Luke 5:31-32; 10:13-14; 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38; 17:30)?
4. What do we learn about God from these stories?
(hint: see Luke 5:31-32; 19:10)