

The Lost Sheep

Matthew 18; Luke 15; John 10



Jesus said, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost!"

Luke 15:6

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Some Jewish leaders were mad at Jesus. They didn't understand why he welcomed sinners. They grumbled and said, "He even eats with sinners."

So Jesus told them a story: "Let's say a man has 100 sheep and one sheep gets lost. Will he leave the 99 sheep to go look for the lost sheep? Yes.

"The shepherd will call the sheep by name. He will climb up and down mountains. He will look until he finds that lost sheep. When he finds the sheep, he will pick it up and carry it home with joy. He will call all his friends and neighbors and shout, 'Rejoice with me! I have found my sheep that was lost!'

"I tell you, it is the same in heaven. There is happiness in heaven when one sinner says he is sorry for his sins. There is joy with the angels when one sinner comes home to God."

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Jesus does not want one little sheep to wander away from him.

Questions

1. What does the shepherd do when one of his sheep goes missing?
2. How does the good shepherd feel when he finds his lost sheep?
3. How are people like the sheep in this story?
4. How can you stay close to your good shepherd, Jesus?

Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
I know that I am a sinner.
Still, you found me and
welcomed me home.
Please help me to stay
close to you.
Amen

Write your name on the lamb.
Write Jesus' name on the Shepherd.
Write in the arms of Jesus how you
can stay close to him.

