



## Small Group Questions

June 22, 2025

Sermon: **Lost & Found**

**Luke 15:11, 20-24, 31-32**

1. Discuss the “Honor / Shame” mindset of the ancient middle east (still present today) and talk about the prodigal (extravagant) actions of the father in the parable of the prodigal son. Describe how they were “shameful,” not customary in that culture.
2. What would that culture, especially the Pharisees and Scribes have expected concerning the father’s actions and retribution toward the son. How are our mindsets or customs similar and different?
3. What is the difference between the “sheep” and the “coin” in the first 2 parables?
4. In each story (parable) there is 1 lost item/ person, but in each parable there is a different number of “non-lost” items / people (1 vs. 99 sheep; 1 vs. 9 coins; 1 vs. 1 sons). What is the significance of this pattern?
5. What are the values of the sheep, the coin and the son? What is the message being conveyed?
6. Read Hebrews 12:2. Now, trace the ways the “father” in the parable of the prodigal son exemplifies the “scorning the shame” or “despising the shame” aspect of Hebrews 12:2. List them to each other. How did Jesus actually despise the shame of the cross on our behalf?
7. Read Galatians 3:10 and James 2:20. Have you ever sinned in even the smallest way? What do these passages say about even your slightest sin?
8. Describe how great a salvation we have!