

the Venues

Go Deep

“The Value of The One”

Luke 15:1-10

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**A person's a person,
no matter how small.**

-- Dr. Seuss

What have you lost that has caused you the most sadness/frustration/anger?

How much time do you spend daily looking for things you have lost (TV remote, wallet, keys, etc.)?

The stories in Luke 15 are about lost things that needs to be found.

Read Luke 15:1-2

What were the Pharisees complaining about? What's bugging them about Jesus?

If this story were retold today with you cast as a Pharisee, who might you be muttering about?

Read Luke 15:3-10

What stands out to you in these two stories?

What is Jesus trying to communicate about God?

What is Jesus trying to communicate about people?

When have you felt like “the one,” alone, maybe rejected or ignored, forgotten?

Who do you know who has been “the one”?

Seven billion people now occupy this planet. But this planet is a speck in the Milky Way, 100,000 light-years across. The Milky Way is one galaxy among ten billion other galaxies. The Hercules-Corona Borealis Great Wall is the largest known super-structure in the universe. It is a huge group of galaxies forming a giant sheet-like pattern. It is about 10 billion light-years long, 7.2 billion light-years wide, and almost 1 billion light-years thick.

In light of this, it makes all the difference whether God really cares for the one, the individual, the single, solitary person.

Jesus dares to say that He does.

What does this picture of God do to your sense of self-esteem?

What does this picture of God do to your view of and response to “the ones” on this planet, in your community?