

Life of Christ SERIES ♦ LESSON #40B – Lost Sheep, Coin, Son
Matthew 18:10-14; Luke 15:1-32

TO HELP US STUDY

1. (Mt) Who always sees the face of our Father in heaven? _____
2. What will a good shepherd do when 1 of his 100 sheep wander off? _____
3. (Lk) What happens when a woman loses one of her silver coins? _____
4. What happens in heaven when a sinner repents? _____
5. What did the younger son request from his father? _____
6. Where did the younger son go? What did he do there? _____

7. When the famine came, what job did he take? _____
8. When he came to his senses, what did he do? _____
9. What did the father do when he saw his son? _____
10. How did the older son feel about this sinner repenting? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Matthew 18:14 "In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost."

TEEN THOUGHT: Sometimes in our lives we may be tempted to follow the path of the younger son – to abandon the father and run after worldly pleasures. Or we may likewise be tempted to follow the way of the older son – to stay with the father, but have no love or compassion on those who have strayed away. Which son are you more like? How can you become more like the father – the shepherd who seeks after the lost, and rejoices when they return home?

TIPS FOR TEACHING

Seeking and saving the lost is a critical mission for us – the Great Commission, actually. Discussion how we can be effective at this could take the whole class, but you may want to highlight some cultural differences of the time (see on-line Bible references or illustrated Bible dictionaries) that help bring these parables alive: how shepherds cared for sheep back then; the stone floors and small coins that show how easily a coin could be lost; how inheritance and economy worked. See "Teen Thought" too.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE: Mt 4:18-22; 8:9-13; 10:1-5, 27-32; 18:1-6; 19:13-15; 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16; Acts 8:4, 24-40; 9:15-22; 17:1-4, 10-17; 18:20-28; 26:22-29; Jam 5:19-20; 1 Pet 4:1-8; Rom 10:14-15; 1 Tim 1:12-20, 2:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-4:2