



A Long "Luke" at the Book of Acts

"The Sippy-Cup in the Cul-de-sac"

Lost and Found

Luke 15

A Study on the
Biblical Works of Luke

Luke 1:1 - Acts 28:31
3/1/26



Luke 15:7

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. NIV

As frightening as it is to think about, I would imagine that every parent has a story or two about a time when their child has gone missing. I remember years ago, Jess and I took our boys to a water park outside of Cincinnati and Torrin - who was wearing very similar trunks as a set of other blonde-haired little boys - went missing for awhile. The good news is that once we realized he had wandered off, the lifeguard armed with their walkie talkies found him quickly, but those few moments felt like an eternity until we had our son safely back with us. To this day, every time my family leaves the house, I pray that all six of us will be safely back in our beds that evening under the same roof.

You likely don't need me to tell you that when you find your missing child - or whatever it is you lost - the joy in having found it far outweighs the concern you had when you lost it. I think the scripture we printed above illustrates that something similar evidently happens in heaven when even one sinner repents. Come join us Sunday and we'll talk more about it, and explain why there's a reference to sippy cups in our sermon title.

See you then! - Zach

Sermon in a Sentence

"The _____ of _____ is great, but the _____ of being _____ is greater!"

Today's Scripture

Luke 15:1-2

Luke 15:3-7

Luke 15:8-10

Luke 15:21-24

2 Peter 3:9



Something Worth Quoting

"How do you get sheep smell on you when you don't touch them?" - Lynn Anderson

Three Weekly Challenges

1. _____ to Seek the Lord
2. _____ Seek the Lord
3. _____ Seek the Lord

Weekly Prayer Requests

Guy Nichols	Lawrence Johnson
Savannah Higgs	Jason Woods
Sam Clark	Ron Scott
Donna Parrett	Pilgrim Family

* Names will stay on the current list for three weeks. Please inform the office if you wish for a name to remain on this list or be transferred to the long-term list. Names marked with ** will be moved to the long-term prayer list the following week. The long-term prayer list is located in the foyer.



Vitals for February 22

Weekly Need: \$3,200
 Actual Given: \$1142
 Sunday School -28
 Morning Service - 68

Pasta with the Pastor
Sunday, March 1
@ 6:30 PM.

You are invited to a
 Bridal Shower
 Honoring
 Sloane Lakin
 Saturday, March 14th, 2026
 @ 2:00 pm at
 New Heights Christian Church
 RSVP to Diane Jennings
 (765) 265-6173

New Heights
MENTORSHIP
 Step into the journey to becoming
 the man God has called you to be.
 Join us
 Saturday, March 7th
 @ 8:00 am

Jesus Girls' Monthly Gathering
 Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 pm

Join us on our
 journey to develop a
 Jesus Shaped Life



Care Teams

We will be forming monthly teams to assist with food preparation, setup, cleanup, and various other tasks for funeral dinners and church events. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please sign up in the foyer or speak with Carol for more details.

MAHONING VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP
STAND
 MAHONING VALLEY
 Christian Service Camp

Rise Kids

JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD
 & FELLOWSHIP!

3RD -12TH
 GRADES

ELEVATE
 STUDENT
 MINISTRY

March

What's Happening

April

3/7- Men's Mentorship 8:00 am
 3/10 - Jesus Girls Ladies' Ministry- 6 pm
 3/18 NHCC Serving @ The Haven - 5:30-6 pm (Sign-up sheet in the foyer.)
 3/29 - 5th Sunday Breakfast 9:15 am



4/4 - Men's Mentorship 8:00 am
 4/5 - **Easter Sunday** - Sunrise Breakfast 9:00 am
 4/14 - Jesus Girls Ladies' Ministry- 6 pm
 4/22 NHCC Serving @ The Haven - 5:30- 6 pm (Sign-up sheet in the foyer.)

Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp: Registration is OPEN!

EARLY BIRD PRICING GOES FROM JAN. 1 - MAY 17 AFTER MAY 18 THE PRICE INCREASES!

See Zach or Carol for the
 New Heights Registration Code

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- newheightsconnersville.com/giving
- Mail to the church office

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Prayer Starter

Examples

- “God, I lift up (name) to You and ask that You would...”
- “Please bless (person) with...”
- “I pray for protection over...”
- “Transform (person’s) heart to...”

NHCC Prayer Guide

March 1, 2026

Explore the scriptures from this week’s sermon and turn them into heartfelt personal prayers.

Let’s Pray:

Praise

Repent

Ask

Yield

THISWEEK’S SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

“THE PAIN OF LOSS IS GREAT, BUT THE JOY OF BEING FOUND IS GREATER!”

Today’s Scripture :

Luke 15:3-7 Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” NIV

Monday

Today’s Prayer Focus

Start this week out with serious self-reflection.

Ask Yourself:

- *Am I content to sit and celebrate with the 99 who have been found, or do I actively seek out those who are lost to share the message of Jesus?*

Lord, I praise You for all you have done in my life. I was a sinner who was lost, but now I am found!

Help me not to merely rejoice in what you have done for me.

Stir up my heart for those who have not yet heard the Good News! Put an urgency within me that drives me to go and seek those who are lost without You, so that they, too, may be found and heaven can rejoice.

Tuesday’s Scripture

Luke 15:1-2 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “this man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” NIV

Prayer Focus

Jesus not only sat and ate with sinners, He welcomed them in with open arms.

He wanted to spend time with them, heal their wounds, and love them.

The Greek word for sinners is hamartōlos, which means sinful, as an absolute moral failure. Would you be willing to welcome someone to your table who was an absolute moral failure?

Someone who lives a completely different lifestyle?

Prayer: Jesus, I was an absolute moral failure until I encountered You. Thank you for pulling me out of the darkness and welcoming me into Your family! Give me a heart that is hospitable to everyone, especially those who are still caught in a life of sin and hopelessness. Use me to shine the hope of salvation into their lives by showing them love and telling them what You have done for them.

Wednesday’s Scripture

Luke 15:8-10 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” NIV

Today’s Prayer Focus

The woman in this parable took great care to go through the house and search for what was lost. It was of such great importance to her that she called everyone to celebrate when she found it. She could not contain her joy!

Similarly, God wants us to dedicate our lives to finding those who don't know Jesus and helping them in their faith. We know they're around us, but do we truly value them enough to spend our time and energy seeking them out? When we meet them, do we take the chance to share Christ's message with them?

Take some time today to pray, ask if God is calling you to share the Gospel with those who are lost. Seek His courage and boldness to share the Gospel whenever you can.

Today’s Scripture

Thursday

Today’s Prayer Focus for yourself and others

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. 20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever!

Amen. Ephesians 3:19-21 NLT

Friday's Scripture

Luke 15:21-24 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servant, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate.'" NIV

Today's Prayer Focus

Spend time today praising God for seeking us when we were lost and bringing us back to Him.

He accepted us just as we were, smelly, stinky sheep. He rejoiced over us! He cleaned us up and gave us a purpose. He wants us to go out and find other sheep who are wallowing in the pig pen.

So don't just sit there! Go! Seek the lost! Make disciples!

Something Worth Quoting

"How do you get sheep smell on you when you don't touch them?" - Lynn Anderson

Today's Scripture

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. NIV

Saturday

Today's Prayer Focus

Take time today to thank God for His patience! We all face challenges and may stumble, but God never abandons us. He is there, full of love, ready to guide us back to the right path. And, amidst the chaos and violence in the world, we can find comfort knowing He remains in control as He patiently waits for everyone to seek Him for salvation.

Zach's

Three Weekly Challenges

Challenge Number One:

DARE to Seek the Lost

Jesus took something of a risk when we focused his ministry on the lost. He would certainly develop a reputation like the people he was going after, he'd more than likely foster a disappointment or two if they didn't respond the way he hoped they would, and for that matter, he laid it all on the line for everyone when he went to the cross - for the people who wouldn't respond to it as well as for those who would. So, we need to be sure we're emulating him and taking a bold, daring risk in our concern for the lost.

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:

I TELL YOU THAT IN THE SAME WAY THERE WILL BE MORE REJOICING IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS THAN OVER NINETY-NINE RIGHTEOUS PERSONS WHO DO NOT NEED TO REPENT. NIV

Challenge Number Two:

PERSISTENTLY Seek the Lost

Not just until you run out of energy, but until you accomplish your goal. Had I gone back to my wife after looking for Torrin when I got tired of searching, what do you think she would have said to me? "GET BACK OUT THERE!" We persistently pursue the lost. The woman in the second story turned her house upside down until she found her lost coin. I left no part of that cul-de-sac unturned until I found my son. Nor should we give up before we see our lost loved ones find their way back to Jesus. Be persistent in your search and never give up praying that God will bring them home.

Challenge Number Three:

PATIENTLY Seek the Lost

It can be frustrating to see someone live far from the savior, especially when you know what they don't. Rather than get hung up on that, continue to be persistent as we said in challenge number 2, and pray with patience that God will make this happen. Remember that he wants to see them come home, too. Continue to add value to their lives and be a consistent Christian presence, and pray that God will bring them home soon.