

## Lost to Found

Series – Transformed: Encounters with the Savior  
– Luke 15 –

THE BACKDROP . . .

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to hear Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that He was associating with such sinful people — even eating with them! So Jesus told them this story...  
– Luke 15:1-3 (NLT)

\* **A Lost Sheep** (vss. 4-7)

\* **A Lost Coin** (vss 8-10)

\* **A Lost Son** (vss. 11-32)

(1) GOD LOVES **NOTORIOUS SINNERS** AND **REJOICES** WHEN THEY COME HOME.

(2) OUR REPENTANCE DOES NOT **EARN GOD'S LOVE**, GOD'S LOVE **ENABLES** OUR REPENTANCE.

### Application Questions . . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How do the parables relate to the muttering of the Pharisees?
3. In what ways are all three parables in this chapter all alike?
4. The younger brother believes he is no longer worthy to be called a son. What does that tell us about his view of what it takes to be loved and accepted? How prevalent is this today?
5. Of the two brothers, which reminds you of your own story? How have you experienced the joyful embrace of the Father?
6. Why do you think the older son has such a hard time rejoicing for his brother? How can we prevent this from happening in our life and church?
7. What in this parable touches you the most about the heart of God?

