

## “God’s Search & Rescue Team”

Luke 15:1-10



### INTRODUCTION:

*The parable of the life saving station*

- I. JESUS’ WORD TO THE PHARISEES:  
GOD SEARCHES OUT & RESCUES THE LOST
  - A. The Pharisees did not like this word of Jesus (Luke 15:1-3)
  - B. Like it or not, this is the very nature of God and what He wants of His people.
- II. TO GET THE POINT ACROSS, HE TELLS  
THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP
  - A. What kind of shepherd would leave 99 to search for 1?  
(Luke 15:4-7)
  - B. A Pharisee saying: *There is a joy before God when those who provoke Him perish from the world.*
  - C. We and the Pharisees need to see ourselves as THE LOST.
  - D. There are many ways to be lost . . . .
  - E. **The Shepherd’s staff is always in the shape of a cross . . .**
- III. LEST THE POINT IS MISSED,  
JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN
  - A. Why the big deal about one, measly lost coin? (Luke 15:8-10)
  - B. Aha . . . where was the coin lost . . . in the house
  - C. What about the house (the Church) today?
  - D. How do both parables end . . . they end in joy!! (verses 5-7 & 9-10)

### CONCLUSION:

*Boots or no boots . . . Hallelujah!!!*