



Country Club or Life-Saving Station?

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 a big deal about one, measly 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:** *What will we be . . .
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