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SERMON OUTLINE -- SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Lost & Found

(Luke 15:1-10)

INTRODUCTION: *Places today that have “lost & founds”...*

I. JESUS TOLD THE PHARISEES THAT GOD IS IN THE BUSINESS OF SEEKING THE LOST

- A. The Pharisees wanted nothing to do with the lost (15:1-2)
- B. Jesus shares the parable of the lost sheep (15:3-10)
- C. We (like the Pharisees) claim Psalm 100:3 but forget Isaiah 53:6
- D. The worst “lostness” is not even knowing we are lost
- E. The heart of God is seen as he leaves the 99 & searches for the 1 (Luke 15:4)

II. TO EMPHASIZE THIS TRUTH, JESUS SHARES THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN

- A. A woman lost part of her 10 coin engagement gift: *semedi* (Luke 15:8-10)
- B. Her search for this one coin shows how God looks for lost people
- C. Her coin was lost in the house... people today can get lost in God’s house
- D. We ask God to lay on our heart the name of one lost *sheep* or *coin*
- E. Both parables end in the same way: *a party in heaven!*

CONCLUSION: ***We are a member of God’s Lost & Found team***