

• **LESSON 16 (April 17)** •  
**Luke 15 • The “Lost” Parables**

1. Based on our study of Luke’s “orderly account” to this point, why do you think “the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear” Jesus (15:1)?
2. And based on our study of Luke’s “orderly account” to this point, why do you think “the Pharisees and the scribes” were grumbling (15:2)?
3. Take the time to read the first “lost” parable in Luke 15:3-7. What stands out to you? What did Jesus intend for his audience to learn from the parable?
4. Take the time to read the second “lost” parable in Luke 15:8-10. What stands out to you? What did Jesus intend for his audience to learn from the parable?
5. In both parables Jesus makes a profound statement. “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (15:7). “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (15:10). What do these statements mean? Do they still apply? If so, how should they dramatically shape our lives, even today?
6. Take the time to read the third “lost” parable in Luke 15:11-32. What stands out to you? How is it different from the first two parables? What does Jesus intend for his audience to learn?
7. What do we learn about repentance from the “prodigal” son (15:17-20)?
8. What do we learn about our Father in heaven (15:20-24)?
9. What lessons can we learn from the “older son” (15:25-32)?
10. Taking Luke 15 as a whole, what must we grasp as modern disciples of Jesus? What do we need to apply? How should these three parables shape our lives?