



## Luke 15:8-10

- Last Sunday was the Parable of lost sheep.
- Today, Jesus shares another parable about the lost coin!

### 1. A woman loses a silver coin!

- **Luke 15:8**
- Most likely this woman is a widow. Jesus never mentions a husband at the introduction nor at the pinnacle of the story when she finds the coin.
- **The point?** *This is all that she had and she had to find it! It was of utmost value!*
- The "silver coin" in verse 8 represents a full day's wages.
- There is an urgency and a commitment to find what was lost!

### 2. The effort and time that it takes to find what is lost!

- **Luke 15:8**

#### A. "Lights a lamp!"

- The very first thing that you do to find what's lost is turn on the light! **Why?**
- **The LIGHT exposes the darkness of sin and its grip and hold on a life!**
- **The LIGHT** = Jesus and the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus!
- **The problem** is **2 Corinthians 4:4!** **The answer** is **John 8:12 / John 9:5!**
- The light is a wonderful / marvelous light! | **Peter 2:9**
- The light shows you the way! **Psalm 119:105 / Psalm 119:130**
- How do we find the lost? **2 Corinthians 5:17 / Psalm 27:1 / Matthew 5:13-16** (The light has to be turned on in your life first!)
- **How do you know that this works?** | **John 1:5** (100% real!) / **James 1:17**
- What is the goal in finding lost people that are away from Jesus? **Ephesians 5:8** That they need to become light!
- This is for everyone to be saved! **Acts 13:47** (Take the light to everyone! It is a command)

#### B. "Sweep the entire house!"

- **Luke 15:8**

- The sweeping of the entire house to find the one lost coin *illustrates the thoroughness and commitment to finding what is lost!*
- I will tell you this much right here...it takes time and effort to love on, pray for and continue to share the Good News of Jesus *with people who are away from Him!*
- **You don't stop!** Keep doing whatever God's Word tells you to do, and what the Holy Spirit directs you to do *to reach that lost person!* Keep showing the light! Keep sweeping!
- I've seen people come to the Lord in a radical and fast way, and I've seen it take years and years! **You just don't know!**
- **Romans 2:4** says that God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance! It is His love, forgiveness, compassion, mercy and sacrifice for you! You didn't deserve it, but He did it anyways! **Romans 5:8**
- We get the **honor and privilege** to show and share the same thing to others that Jesus has done for us!
- **Sweeping takes patience!** Sweeping the entire house is not just a quick thing!
- *You are sweeping, and you are praying to just hear the rattle of the coin as the broom brushes it!*
- You are just waiting for the lost friend, family member, work person and school friend to just respond! You are just *waiting for them to get it!* For the *light to turn on in their life!* For them to see and grasp the love and grace and mercy of God towards them!
- *Just a rattle and they are found! Just like that coin!!!!*
- **You will search very carefully when something of great value to you that is lost!**
- **Psalm 139:13-16 / Luke 12:6-7** – God truly cares for you and others! ***WE are valuable!!!***

#### **Closing: She finds it!**

- **Luke 15:9-10**
- **Luke 15:9**- *"And when she finds it..."* / There is HOPE! With the LIGHT of the Good News/Gospel of Jesus Christ and the commitment to search for the lost...there is hope!
- **Luke 15:9** – *"she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin!'"*
- **Here we are again with the REJOICING just like last week when the one lost sheep was found!**
- The shepherd joyfully carried the sheep home on his shoulders and called his friends and neighbors together! **Let's have a PARTY! It's HEAVENLY!!!** **Luke 15:10**
- To see a lost person away from Jesus come to Jesus and have a changed life now and forever? **PRICELESS!**
- **The search is not easy but it is worth it all in the end!** The heart of God is loving people so much that HE is searching for them!
- Jesus is showing the heart of God when just one sinner comes home to Him!
- **The search is a PRIORITY! Why? Because, the person is a PRIORITY!**

**Each One Reach One** **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**