

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus is on a "Search and Rescue" mission, and heaven celebrates over every repentance. Likewise, we are called to leave our comfort, light lamps in the darkness, sweep away obstacles, and search diligently until the lost are found and brought home.

1. Our God seeks and **Rescues**. (Luke 15:3-7)
2. As Jesus' followers, we faithfully **Search** out the lost. (Luke 15:8-9)
3. **Rejoice** in God's **Rescue** mission. (Luke 15:7,10)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Luke 15:3-7. What details show the shepherd's urgency and compassion? How does this picture help us understand God's pursuit of sinners?
(See Luke 19:10)
2. The sheep does nothing to save itself; the shepherd does everything. How does this illustrate the nature of grace and salvation in Christ?
(See Isaiah 53:6; Ezekiel 34:11-12, 16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-9; 1 Peter 2:24-25)
3. Read Luke 15:8-10. What do the woman's actions teach us about the way we are to seek those far from God?
(Luke 1:78-79; Romans 10:14-15; Galatians 6:9; 2 Corinthians 4:5-6; Hebrews 12:1)
4. Why do heaven and the angels rejoice (Luke 15:7, 10)? What does that tell us about the value of each person to God?
(See Psalm 139:1-4, 13-16; Zephaniah 3:17; Luke 12:6-7; John 10:3-4, 14-15)
5. Where do you need some "spiritual housecleaning": attitudes, habits, distractions, or areas of sin that keep you from joining God's search?
6. Who in your world might God be prompting you to pursue, pray for, or invite into His light and what's one practical step you can take this week?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now... Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle