

Title: Salvation's Joy
Subtitle: Joy of Evangelism
Text: Luke 15:1-7
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1. Remain _____ (vv.1-2)

2. Get _____ (vv.3-6)

3. Sense _____ (v.7)

Luke 15

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.
2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
3 So he told them this parable:
4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?
5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'
7 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.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Ezekiel 34:1-6**. When you consider the complacency of the religious leaders in Ezekiel's day and those to whom Christ was directing the parables in Luke 15, what would you say might be the possible points of relevance to well-taught, longtime Christians in our day?
2. Read **Acts 13:45-52**. What is at stake when you are too easily discouraged by the unreceptive and give up on sharing the gospel with the people in your daily life too quickly because you've been opposed and rejected by a few?
3. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:13** and **Colossians 4:3-4**. Why is the practice in the Colossians passage foundational to the experience of the 1 Thessalonians passage? What specifically will you do to increase your participation in what Paul is calling for in Colossians 4:3-4?
4. Read **Psalms 51:12-15**. Why does unconfessed sin in your life all but guarantee you will not be sharing the good news of the gospel with anyone this week?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**. What in this passage motivates you to seek out the receptive and share the gospel with them?