

MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL APPLICATION | Walking It Out

Small Group Challenge:

- Choose a time this week when everyone in your group will stop and pray the same prayer.
 - "God, give me Your heart for people far from You."
- Choose one thing you're fasting from this week and share with the group why.
- Talk about your "one more." Who's someone far from God that you're praying for or reaching out to?
- Brainstorm together one way your group could live out the heart of Jesus for the "one more" this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

Beyond Us series
"Love that Goes Beyond"
Luke 15

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of September 28, 2025

OPENING DISCUSSION | Let's Get the Discussion Started

Read Luke 15:1–7 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

BIBLICAL REFLECTION | What Does God Say About This?

1. What can we notice about Jesus’ posture toward people far from God? Why do you think sinners were drawn to Him?

2. In Luke 15, the shepherd leaves the 99 to go after the one. What does this reveal about God’s priorities?

How should this challenge the way we often live?

3. Why do you think Jesus emphasized that heaven rejoices more over one sinner who repents?

How should this reshape our understanding of evangelism and church involvement?

4. Rusty reminded us that “Jesus was liked by people who were nothing like Him.” Is that true of us today?

How do we grow in that kind of love and grace?

5. In what ways have you (or have we as a church) focused more on the “99” than the “1”?

How can we balance caring for the lost AND helping the saved?