

Chapter Summary Study Form Example

Date: January 29, 2014

Chapter: Luke 15

Chapter: Read 5 times (check when done)

1. Caption (Title):

"Lost and Found"

2. Contents: This chapter contains three parables.

- Verses 3 – 7: The lost sheep
- Verses 8 – 10: The lost coin
- Verses 11 – 32: The lost son

3. Chief People:

- The shepherd with the lost sheep
- The woman with the lost coin
- The father with the lost son

4. Choice Verse:

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

5. Crucial Word(s):

- Lost (vv. 4, 5, 9, 24, 32)
- Found (5 – 6, 9, 24, 32)

6. Challenges (Difficulties I need to study):

What does this verse mean — "ninety- nine righteous persons who do not need to repent"?

7. Cross- References: Luke 15: 4 – 6

- Matthew 18: 11–14
- Isaiah 53: 6
- John 10: 10–14
- Psalm 119: 176
- 1 Peter 2: 25

8. Christ Seen:

- 1st Parable — Jesus the Good Shepherd searching for lost sheep.
- 2nd Parable — the Holy Spirit our rightful Owner finding and restoring.
- 3rd Parable — God the Father waiting to welcome us home.

9. Central Lesson(s):

Insights

The son went away saying, "Give me" (v. 12). He returned saying, "Make me" (v. 19).

God cares for sinners and anxiously waits for them to return home.

Characteristics of the immature brother

Anger — v. 28

Childish — v. 28

Jealousy — vv. 29 – 30

Wrong perspective — vv. 29 – 30

Grumbling — vv. 29 – 30

10. Conclusion (Personal Application):

In each of the three parables a concrete effort was made to recover what was lost. Many of my friends are lost without Christ. I need to develop specific witnessing plans for reaching them with the Good News. I will start by sharing my faith with my friend Jim this weekend. I need to express more joy when I hear of people who have accepted Christ.