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## Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith with: Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.

**Introduction:** From remote controls and car keys, to cell phones and sunglasses, we always find ourselves looking for something we have lost. And often, with a cry of “Aha” or “Eureka” or even just a sigh of relief, we find our misplaced item and carry on our day without thinking about it again, until the next time we forget where we set the valuable item down. God has a different response to find what has been lost, God has a party. But what has been lost isn’t just the channel flipper or our multi-media cellular device. What has been lost is people, people whom God loves dearly. And these people are not hiding under a couch cushion, or under a stack of papers on the table, these people are often right here in front of us, hiding in plain sight, ready to be found and brought into God’s amazing party. What lost item will you celebrate being found after reading today’s parable?

### **Read: Luke 15:1-10**

Open your Bible and read through the passage. Once you have read through this passage, take three large deep breaths, read the passage a second time. Take note of what words jump out at you. What words do you need to look up for clarity of definition. Take three large deep breaths again. Read the passage one more time.

### **Seek:**

Being lost often means you are off the beaten path, you cannot find your way back, how does this metaphor describe a person who is separated from a faith family?

We often use the label like “sinner” to define someone who is lost. This word has significant negative moral connotations. Can a person be “lost” that is separated from God’s family, without being defined as a bad person?

When someone comes into our faith family, what does it look like for us to join God’s party in welcoming this one home?

### **Pray**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, you seek those who are lost and you rejoice when they are found. Help me to seek the lost with you, to welcome them without judgment into your family, and to provide a space for your unending celebration for the whole family of God. In your holy name, I pray. Amen