



**1. Remain** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.1-2)

***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. (ESV)*

**2. Get** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.3-6)

**3. Sense** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

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?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

### October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jer.9-10 & 1Tim.3

### October 24<sup>th</sup>

Jer.11-13 & 1Tim.4

### October 25<sup>th</sup>

Jer.14-16 & 1Tim.5

### October 26<sup>th</sup>

Jer.17-19 & 1Tim.6

### October 27<sup>th</sup>

Jer.20-22 & 2Tim.1

### October 28<sup>th</sup>

Jer.23-24 & 2Tim.2

### October 29<sup>th</sup>

Jer.25-26 & 2Tim.3

### October 30<sup>th</sup>

Jer.27-28 & 2Tim.4

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 16-17 – **Cultivating Biblical Optimism**

Msg. 15-07 – **Learning to Care About God's Field**

Msg. 05-63 – **Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**

Msg. 13-15 – 13-20 – **Presenting Christ** (a six-part series)

Msg. 15-07 – 15-14 – **Your Role in the Harvest** (a six-part series)

Msg. 15-24 – 15-31 – **Obstacles on the Road to Christ** (an eight-part series)

Msg. 08-17 – 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy** (a five-part series)

## This Week's Social Media Hashtag

**#TheJoyOfSalvation**

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Carson, D. A. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.

Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Spire Books, 1963.

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Downs, Tim. **Finding Common Ground**. Moody Press, 1999.

Hendricks, Howard G. **Say it With Love**. Victor Books, 1972.

Hybles, Bill and Mark Mittelberg. **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. Zondervan, 1994.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?** Zondervan, 2008.

McDowell, Josh. **The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict**. Thomas Nelson, 1999.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Packer, J. I. **Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God**. InterVarsity Press, 1991.

Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.

Pippert, Rebecca Manley. **Out of the Salt-Shaker**. InterVarsity Press, 1979.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.

Tucker, Ruth. **From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya: A Biographical History of Christian Missions**. Zondervan, 2004.

Zigarelli, Michael. **Faith at Work: Overcoming the Obstacles of Being Like Christ in the Marketplace**. Moody, 2000.