

# LUKE 15:1-10

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The parables highlight not just our purpose and identity in the Kingdom of Heaven, but also the mistakes that we can fall into. Sometimes that's a misunderstanding, thinking that God is more interested or more pleased by other people. Sometimes that's because we may not have the context of a parable, such as the lost coin.

When we realise that God is interested not just in the rescue, but the relationship that He seeks to build with us, our purpose in the Kingdom becomes more clear. He yearns for us with the same energy that a shepherd looks for a lost sheep and then keeps them safe. He is desperate to keep us safe with the same approach that the woman looked for the coin, restoring us to a position in His Kingdom.

We can find freedom in knowing that we were rescued, but that is not the end of the story. It's the beginning of understanding our identity in Him.



## 01 — Your rescue

Becoming a Christian can change everything in a person's life, but sometimes there isn't a big dramatic story about how we came to Christ. If someone was to ask you how and why you became a Christian, what would you say?



## 02 — Our restoration

The woman's hope was restored when she found the coin. The sheep was restored to the flock. God also wants to restore us, and bring us into the Kingdom. What role do you think the church (Locking Castle, or more broadly) should play in this restoration?



## 03 — Our relationship

What gets in the way of our relationship progressing? If you spent as much time with God as you do...watching TV, or playing sport, or catching up with friends, would your relationship look any different?



## 04 — Practising what (Emily) preaches

Are there any misunderstandings you've had in your life about your place in the Kingdom, your identity and purpose?

