

“Go”
Refresh – Part 3
Luke 15
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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. . .” Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.” Philippians 3:8-9 (NIV)

‘For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.’ Luke 19:10 (NLT)

1. LOST PEOPLE ARE EVERYWHERE.

“Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.” Luke 15:1 (NKJV)

‘Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.’ Matthew 7:13 (NIV)

2. LOST PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING.

“Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.” Luke 15:1 (NKJV)

3. LOST PEOPLE ARE A NUISANCE TO RELIGIOUS PEOPLE.

“And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, ‘This Man receives sinners and eats with them.’” Luke 15:2 (NKJV)

4. LOST PEOPLE ARE WORTH THE SEARCH.

‘What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?’ Luke 15:4 (NKJV)

‘Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?’ Luke 15:8 (NKJV)

➤ **The shepherd felt a sense of personal responsibility for the one lost.**

➤ **The shepherd felt a sense of urgency for the one lost.**

➤ **The shepherd felt a sense of compassion for the one lost.**

5. LOST PEOPLE ARE JOYOUSLY CELEBRATED WHEN FOUND.

‘And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!” I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.’ Luke 15:5-7

‘And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!” Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’ Luke 15:9-10 (NKJV)

❖ What Can You Do?

➤ Pray

"He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.'" Matthew 9:37-38 (NLT)

➤ Love the lost.

➤ Give your money.

➤ Pack your bags.