

The Hunter and the Seeker

Discovering the Seeking Heart of God in Luke 15

Two Kinds of Hunters

_____ **vs** _____

Pharisees _____ for sinners.

Jesus _____ them.

God is a _____ — and He calls us to _____.

The Lost Sheep

Sheep _____ slowly, not suddenly.

We drift through _____

God _____ us step by step.

You have been _____ — or He is _____ you right now.

The Lost Coin

The coin sits in the _____.

Some people live unaware of the _____ searching for them.

Seeking those who aren't asking is _____.

Will we _____ our comfort?

The Lost Son

Younger son: _____, _____, _____.

Older son: _____, _____, _____.

Two kinds of _____ — one _____ who runs toward both.

The Heart of God

God seeks the _____

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His pursuit is _____ and _____.

Challenge #1

Take a step toward someone in the wilderness

_____ them.

_____ them.

Show up _____, not just digitally.

Challenge #2

Disrupt your comfort for someone who doesn't know they're lost.

Rearrange your _____

Step into their _____

Shine _____ where they aren't looking.

Challenge #3

Extend grace to someone already on their way back.

_____ them halfway.

_____ progress.

Remove _____, not add them.

Final Call

A person to _____

A space to _____

A grace to _____

Become a _____ like your Father.

Answer Key

Two kinds of hunter: blind hunter, tracker, waited, goes after, tracker, seek

The Lost Sheep: wander, found, tracks, found, tracking

The Lost Coin: dark, light, asking, disrupt

The lost son: rebellion, waste, brokenness, resentment, pride, distance, lost, father

The Heart of God: wandering, unaware, resentful, relentless, personal

Challenge #1: call, visit, physically

Challenge #2: schedule, world, light

Challenge #3: meet, celebrate, barriers

Final Call: pursue, disrupt, extend, Seeker

Scripture References: Luke 15, Philippians 2:6-7

Discussion Questions

Are you more naturally a 'blind-hunter' who waits, or a 'tracker' who seeks? What would it take to move from waiting to seeking?

Think about the sheep — how did you (or someone you know) drift from God 'one nibble at a time' rather than through one dramatic decision?

Who in your life is like the coin — not aware they're lost, not searching, just living life? What would it cost you to 'light the lamp and sweep the house' for them?

Which son do you relate to more right now — the younger son far from home, or the older brother who never left but is lost in resentment? Why?

The father ran to close the distance before the son could finish his apology. Is there someone you're waiting to 'prove they're sorry enough' before extending grace?

Of the three challenges — pursuing the sheep, disrupting comfort for the coin, extending grace like the father — which one is God specifically calling you to this week, and who is the person?

Key Takeaways

- God's character is that of a Seeker, not a Waiter — He tracks into the wilderness after what's lost rather than waiting for it to come to Him.
- We often drift from God gradually, one small compromise at a time, not through one dramatic rebellion — and we may not even realize how lost we are.
- Seeking those who don't know they need finding costs something real: time, comfort, and effort, often without any guarantee of thanks or immediate results.
- There are two kinds of lost: the obviously wayward (the younger son) and the quietly self-righteous (the older brother) — both need the Father's pursuing grace.
- Because we have been sought and found by God, we are called to become seekers ourselves — leaving our comfort to pursue, disrupt for, and extend grace to others.

Additional Notes

This sermon walks through all three parables in Luke 15 as a unified response to the Pharisees' complaint in verses 1-2.

Consider identifying one specific person for each of the three challenges (sheep, coin, son/father) before the week begins.

The invitation at the end of the sermon offers two responses: coming forward if you identify with being lost, or coming forward to seek courage to pursue someone else.