

## BE A BRINGER

*“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”*  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

*“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....”* I Samuel 12:23a

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### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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**PRAISE**

- Praise God for faithful partners and God’s sustaining grace
- Praise God for new classrooms and growing enrollment at the school.
- Praise for the fruitfulness of the Farm Ministry and successful Farming God’s Way training.
- Praise God for the solar power installation at the Health Care Center.
- Praise God for a new missionary couple, David and his wife, Deborah.

**PRAY**

- Pray for Joshua’s continued health, strength, and endurance.
- Pray for wisdom and provision as plans develop to expand the school to middle and high school.
- Pray for the Health Care Center staff as they expand medical services.



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Study Date: 01/04/26

## One More For Jesus

In Luke 15:4, Jesus shares a powerful parable that speaks volumes about God’s love and care for each one of us. Imagine a shepherd with a hundred sheep. He knows all of them so well that when one goes missing, he feels compelled to leave the ninety-nine and seek out the one that strayed away. This action illustrates the deep, personal love that God has for each individual. It isn’t just about the large number; it’s about the value of each single sheep. In our lives, we too may sometimes feel lost or insignificant, but this verse reminds us that each of us matters greatly to God.

The heart of this parable is about chasing after the lost. It teaches us about grace, mercy, and individual worth. The shepherd doesn’t just count his flock and rejoice in the majority; he actively seeks the one that is lost. This is a great picture of Jesus’ mission on Earth – to seek and save those who are lost. It could be seen as a comforting message, especially for those who might feel abandoned or forgotten. Regardless of how many people surround us or how many times we might feel unworthy, we should remember that God sees us personally, and He seeks each one of us out.

This parable can encourage us in many ways. We may sometimes feel as if we have lost our way in life, straying from the right path or the love of God. In such times, it is significant to remember that God never abandons us. The shepherd going after the lost sheep represents God’s unwavering commitment to bringing us back into His fold. He actively pursues us, reminding us of our worth no matter how far we stray. This imagery creates a warm and inviting picture of God’s love, showing us that He will go to great lengths to bring us back into His protection.

Moreover, this verse highlights the importance of community and accountability among ourselves as followers of Christ. Just as the shepherd left the others to search for the lost sheep, we too have a role in supporting and looking out for one another. If someone in our community is struggling or has wandered away from faith, it is our responsibility to check in, reach out, and help bring them back. This verse encourages a culture that reflects God’s love, offering support to those who may feel isolated.

Resource: [Scripturesavvy.com](http://Scripturesavvy.com)

## KEY VERSE

Luke 15:4 (NKJV)

*“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?”*

Read Luke 15:1-31 Every Day

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: Luke 15:4; Ephesians 2:8-9

#### Introduction

1. What is the message of Luke 15:4? As followers of Christ, who must we “*leave*” to seek another who is “*lost*”?
2. In review of paragraphs 2-4 on pg.1, what do we learn about individual worth, straying from the right path and the importance of community?

### Tuesday: Luke 15:1-7; Matthew 28:19-20

#### The Lost Sheep

3. Why did Jesus choose to sit with the “*sinners*” in Luke 15:2 much to the chagrin of the Pharisees? What was His mission in doing so?
4. What important lesson is Luke 15:7 revealing to us as followers of Christ? Why should we have “*more joy*” over “*one sinner who repents*?”

### Wednesday: Luke 15:8-10; Proverbs 11:30

#### The Lost Silver

5. Despite still having 9 pieces of silver, what does the woman in Luke 15:8-10 do in regard to the piece that was lost? What did she do when she found it?
6. As with the lost sheep In Luke 15:4, what is the parable of the lost piece of silver calling us to as believers? *Who* should we be searching for?

### Thursday: Luke 15:11-24; Romans 12:15

#### The Lost Son

7. Often referred to as the story of the “prodigal son,” why is the son given this *label* according to the Scriptures? (Luke 15:11-14)
8. After falling into want and feeding with swine, where does the prodigal son go back to after suffering the consequences of his sin? (Luke 15:17-19)
9. The return of the prodigal son is a well known Scripture. What lessons do we learn about grace, forgiveness and repentance in Luke 15:20-24?

### Friday: Luke 15:25-31; Ephesians 4:32

#### The Lost Sibling

10. Who is the “lost” sibling in Luke 15:25-31? Ultimately, which of the two brothers is truly *lost* according to this scripture and why?
11. Why was the brother’s anger so great when his father chose to celebrate his prodigal brother’s return? Does any part of YOU identify with him?
12. What is the overall message we must take from The Story Of The Prodigal Son? Who’s repentance may we “not” be acknowledging right now?