

## Lost or Found - Stories from the book of Luke : Glen Fairweather

### Session One: Saturday January 17

Luke 15:1-10 "A sheep and a coin"

Read together out loud and pray for God's help as you go through the study

What stands out to you about this story?

What's the most important thing you've ever lost? How hard did you look for it?  
Did you ever find it?

Have you ever been lost? Where?

What would happen to a sheep if it was left alone to roam in the wild?

What do you think a 'sinner' is?

What's valuable to you? Write a top 5 list of valuable things/people/places.

What does it say about the creator of the universe if he rejoices when one sinner 'repents' or turns to Him?

Is it God's effort or the sinner's effort that saves the sinner?

What new thing have you learnt today?

ACTIVITY: Return to the main meeting room. Together with the other groups, find the lost 'sheep' and put together the word puzzle.

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### Session Two: Sunday January 18

Luke 15:11-32 "Oh Brother, where art thou?"

Read together out loud and pray for God's help as you go through the study

What stands out to you about this story?

Have you ever felt guilty about something you shouldn't have done/said/thought?

Who are the main characters in the story and who does each one represent?

Who is guilty in this story?

Find the verses in this story where you see the following words in action:

- Sin
- Guilt/shame
- Grace
- Bitterness
- Love

What is the father's response to his son's guilt/shame?

How does Romans 5:6-8 relate to this story?

Do you feel like either of these 2 brothers? Which one?

What new thing have you learnt today?

ACTIVITY: Create a 'Judge Judy' style court room drama between the two brothers, with the father as judge.

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### Session Three: Monday January 19

Luke 18:9-17 "You got attitude?"

Read together out loud and pray for God's help as you go through the study

What stands out to you about this story?

Have you ever pretended to enjoy doing something, when you've really hated it?  
Or pretended to like someone when you haven't?

How easy/hard is it for you to fake what you're feeling?

List the attitudes you can see in these stories?

List the actions you can see?

From these stories, does Jesus say one is more important than the other?  
(Read James 2:14-17 & Ephesians 2:8-10)

## Match the statements with the groups of people:

Faking it (actions only)...	... Tax Collector
Taking it for granted (attitude only)...	... Pharisee
Full on (actions & attitude)...	... Disciples

What do you notice about Jesus' attitude and actions towards people who were looked down upon in that society like the tax collector and the children?

Do your attitudes or actions need to change to be more in line with Jesus'?

What new thing have you learnt today?

ACTIVITY: Design a group poster showing the message of this story, not the story itself.

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### Session Four: Tuesday January 20

Luke 16:19-31 "Not even if someone came back from the dead!"

Read together out loud and pray for God's help as you go through the study

What stands out to you about this story?

ACTIVITY: In your group, go around the circle with each person saying 3 'facts' about themselves. 2 'facts' have to be the truth, and 1 has to be a lie. The other group members have to guess which 'fact' is the lie.

What does it take to convince you that something is fact?

What if you couldn't use any of your senses? (Sight, taste, smell, hearing, touch)

What is faith?

Why did the rich man go to hell?

What did the rich man's brothers have, according to the story, to convince them that there is a heaven and a hell? What do we have to convince us?

Why is the last line in this story so interesting? (Read Luke 23:44-49 & 24:1-5)

What does Jesus coming back from the dead mean for us? Why?

What new thing have you learnt today?

**ACTIVITY:** As a group, come up with 'actions' to illustrate Jesus saving us from sin, and bringing us back into relationship with God. Share your 'drama' with the other groups.

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### Session Five: Wednesday January 21

Luke 14:25-35 "It's gunna cost ya"

Read together out loud and pray for God's help as you go through the study

What stands out to you about this story?

What's the most expensive thing you've ever bought with your own money? How did it feel to own what you had bought?

What would you be prepared to pay:

- for a Harley ride with Dave Fuller?
- for a packet of chewy?
- for a girlfriend/boyfriend?
- for an X-Box?
- for a private footy lesson with Nathan Buckley or James Hird?
- for camp to go an extra week?

What did Jesus mean when he said 'take up your cross'?

In what ways do Christians today 'take up their cross'?

What are some things it may cost you to be a Christian? Have you 'estimated the cost'?

What are you prepared to pay/give up, in order to follow Jesus?

What new thing have you learnt today?

**ACTIVITY:** Write yourself a letter, telling yourself what you are prepared to pay/give up, for the sake of being a disciple of Jesus. Seal your letter in the envelope, put your address on it and give it to your leader. This letter will be posted back to you during the year as a reminder of your commitment.