

Text: Luke 15:1-32  
Topics: Forgiveness, Love, Repentance  
Series: That You Know Jesus

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## Love 'Em, or Leave 'Em?

### I. Those Who Are "Lost" (1-10)

Every effort should be given to move lost sinners to repentance.

### II. Those Who Have "Left Home" (11-32)

There should always be rejoicing at a sinner's repentance.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Read Luke 15:1-7. Why are the Pharisees and scribes grumbling? Who do the sheep and the one who looks for the lost sheep represent?

What would Jesus want the Pharisees and scribes to understand? (v. 7)

Who would be like the tax-collectors and sinners to many Christians today?

2. Jesus tells another parable in Luke 15:8-10. Again, someone looks until they find what is lost. Why? What does this tell us about God and sinners?

Again, Jesus says there is joy when one sinner repents. What would Jesus be trying to tell his listeners?

What is, and what isn't repentance?

How can you apply what Jesus is teaching in these two parables? Be specific.

3. Read Luke 15:11-16. What would Jesus' listeners think about the son and his circumstances?

What do you think about him? Why?

4. What is the significance of the action of the son, and of the father in Luke 15:17-24?

What was the father's assessment of the son (v. 24) and what does it mean?

5. Read Luke 15:25-32. Who does the father, the older son, and the younger son in the parable represent? What message is Jesus giving the Pharisees and scribes? What's the message for you?