

MOOREBANK & HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Luke 15

SHARE: Can you think of a time when you found something valuable that had been lost? How did you feel?

Read Luke 15:1-32

1. What is the context for these parables (vv1-2)? In the context of the parables in ch14, why is this a problem?
2. What is common between the 3 parables?
3. Why do the first two parables refer to the sinner who 'repents' (vv7,10), even though neither the sheep nor the coin repent?
4. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, what does the younger son do to demonstrate his repentance? What does this teach us about what we need to do if we are to return to God? Is there anything that we can do that is beyond God's reach to save us? Why / Why Not?
5. What is the response of the shepherd/woman/father when they discover that they have lost their sheep/coin/son? What are these responses a picture of? Why is this striking?
6. What is the response of the shepherd/woman/father when they find what they have lost? What does Jesus say this response is a picture of?
7. If this is the response in heaven, how should we respond when someone turns to God?
8. How does the older son respond in vv25-30? Why does he respond in this way?
9. The older son's response is an illustration of the self-righteousness of the Pharisees and scribes in vv1-2. How does this help to explain why Jesus tells these parables?
10. The shepherd and the woman searched intently for the lost sheep and coin respectively. It was the older son's responsibility to search for the wayward younger son. What do these parables teach us about Jesus, his ministry, and coming into the kingdom of God (see also Luke 19:10)?
11. What part does God play and what part do we play in our salvation?