Lost Sheep

Questions

1. Is there an area of your life where you have drifted from God, or someone in your life who seems far from Him? What might it look like to take a step toward restoration?
2. Read Luke 15:4-5. What does the shepherd's willingness to search for one lost sheep teach you about how much each person matters to God?
3. When you struggle, do you tend to draw closer to God or pull away because of guilt, shame, or disappointment? Why?
4. Read Luke 15:1-2. How do you typically respond when someone who has made poor choices begins turning their life around? Is your response more like celebration or skepticism?
5. Jesus says He knows His sheep and His sheep know Him. What does it mean to you to be personally known by Jesus?
6. How can turning to God in repentance help you develop a softened heart toward others?

Scripture References

Luke 15:1-7
Parable of the Lost Sheep

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. **2** This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

3 So Jesus told them this story: **4** "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. **6** When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' **7** In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

Takeaways

Book Resources:

"Rock Priest" by David Pierce

"Not Beyond Reach" by Aaron Pierce