

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

GOD'S LOVE SERIES — LESSON 1 (LUKE 15:1-7)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why were the Pharisees grumbling about Jesus?

- The Pharisees were grumbling because Jesus was with tax collectors and “sinners”.
- These “sinners” were people that weren’t following the rules of the Pharisees.
- The Pharisees were self-righteous. They felt they were better than the people who didn’t follow their rules. However, we are all sinners, and fall short of the glory of God, including the Pharisees.

2. In Jesus’ story, who does the shepherd represent?

- The shepherd represents God, who always goes looking for us when we stray.

3. Who does the lost sheep represent?

- The lost sheep represent us. We wander away from God easily. Instead of fixing our eyes on Jesus, we are focused on the things we need, and the things we want. Just like sheep, before we realize it we are far from God and getting ourselves in trouble.
- God chases after us and brings us back. We can be confident that He never stops looking for us!



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. Why did Jesus tell this parable to the Pharisees?

- Jesus told this parable to the Pharisees to show that those who repent of their sins are forgiven by God.
- It doesn't matter if it is someone who has done bad things in their life, or if it's someone who has grown up in church. We are all sinners, and whoever repents of their sins and asks God's forgiveness will be forgiven!
- Jesus said to the Pharisees that heaven rejoices more over one lost "sheep" (one sinful person) who repents of his/her sins, than all those who don't feel the need to repent (like them).

5. What does it mean to repent?

- Confess and turn away from our sins and ask for His forgiveness.

6. How does God respond when we repent?

- God and all of heaven rejoices! He will forgive us when we confess our sins.

LESSON 1 PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe when you repent of your sins that God will forgive you, and love you?

- Bible reference: **Romans 8:38-39**
- We need to first believe that God loves us, and will forgive us when we confess our sins, no matter what they are. There is no sin too big for God's forgiveness.

2. How can you show God's love to others?

- When you are angry with a friend, keep trying to restore your friendship. You can show kindness to your housemates, your staff, or parents. When you hurt someone, you can ask God and that person to forgive you. You can also forgive people who hurt you.

3. Think about some of the sins in your life, and ways you can turn them over to God.