



**SOUTHBRIDGE**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Living Beyond Myself**  
**Reaching Out: The Mission of Christ**  
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**Luke Chapter 15**

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

**Parable of the Lost Sheep**

*(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... (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!*

**Parable of the Lost Coin**

*(8)Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and losses one. Won't she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it. (9)And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say. 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.' (10)In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents.*

**Parable of the Lost Son**

*(11)To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: A man had two sons. (12)The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die'. So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. (13)A few days later the son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living... (17)When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger... (20)So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.*

1. Walk with people at a \_\_\_\_\_ pace.

- Give "authentic" friendship.
- Q: Who are you walking with?

2. Utilize the power of God –given \_\_\_\_\_.

- Average person influences \_\_\_\_\_ other people in a lifetime.
- Q: How are you using your God-given influence?

3. Gently \_\_\_\_\_ people into God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- Tough love only works when their "in" the family.
- Q: How's your love tank?

4. \_\_\_\_\_ and expect God to answer.

- Ezekiel 22:30
- Q: Who are you standing in the gap for?

**Thinkpoint?**

**The Mission of Southbridge Community Church:**

Reach \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people with the love of God and disciple believers into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

- Q: What's your mission?
- Q: What are you willing to do for someone else?

**Common Thread: Something of great \_\_\_\_\_ was missing.**

