

## Takeaway Sheet — 'The parable of the lost sheep' video, a meditation.

Watch the parable of the lost sheep video, (Video available at <http://tinyurl.com/jdsw7ll>).

Think about the following questions:

When and how did the sheep realise that he was lost separated from the shepherd?

How do people recognise they are lost separated from God and what does that feel like?

Some verses that speak about God being our shepherd:

<sup>11</sup> "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep.

<sup>12</sup> I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day....

<sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak.

(From the book of Ezekiel in the Old Testament part of the Bible, chapter 34 verses 11 to 12 and 15 to 16, New Living Translation)

What do these verses tell us about God?

### A Prayer:

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who came to seek out lost people in order to rescue them and bring them back to God. Help me to know you with me each day, guiding me in my life and bringing me closer to the God who loves me. Amen.



**Some sheep do not want to be found**

## Takeaway Sheet — 'The Lost Sheep' parable of Jesus, a meditation.

Read the story as Jesus told it in the Bible (available online at <http://tinyurl.com/hbbszf7>), or read it in a Bible in the new Testament part of the Bible, the book of Luke, chapter 15 and verses 1 to 7).

Some questions to think about:

How do sheep get separated from the shepherd?  
How do people get separated from God?

Who searches for whom in the story?  
What does this tell us about us and God?

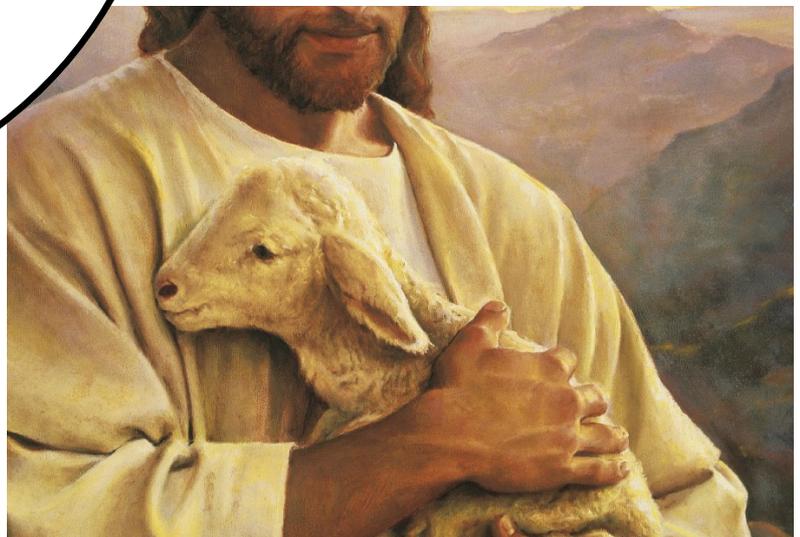
**What are the emotions being felt in this story?**

**Imagine how the sheep felt, how the shepherd felt, and how the religious leaders felt, knowing this story was being told to criticise them?**

**What emotions do you feel as you read this story?**

The story doesn't end when the lost sheep is found, but only when it has been safely returned to the flock and a party has been thrown by the community to celebrate its return.

What does this tell us about how lost people are reconnected with God and His church? What should that process look like?



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### A Prayer:

Jesus, your stories fascinate us and they teach us so many things about ourselves and about God. Help this story of the lost sheep to lead me to a deeper understanding of myself, God and my world. Amen.

