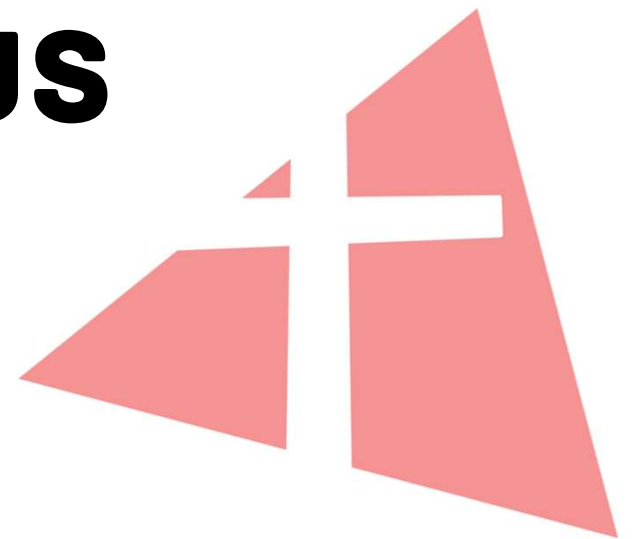


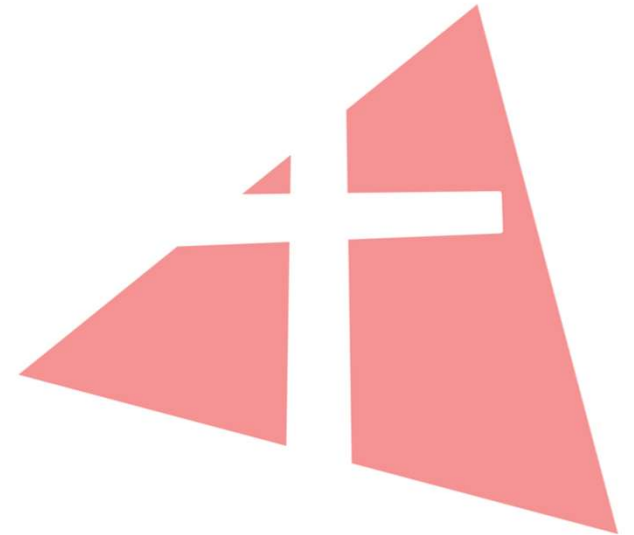
# **JESUS PURSUING US**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> 2019**



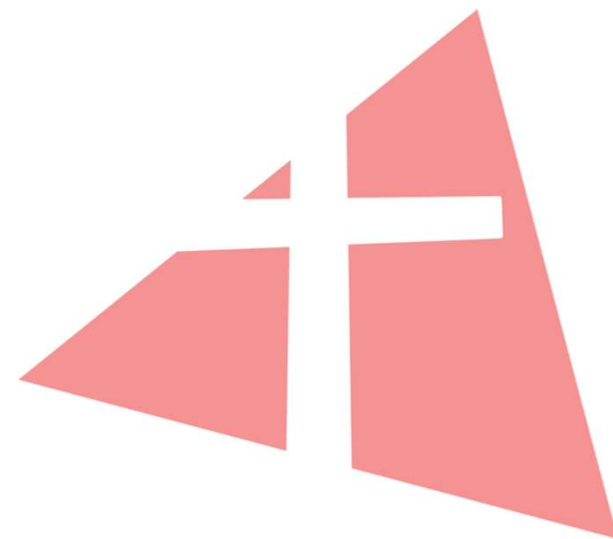
# OUR SERIES

- **The Life of Jesus**
  - Part 1: His character, purposes, etc.
  - Part 2: Our relationship with Him
- **Last week: Jesus our Friend**



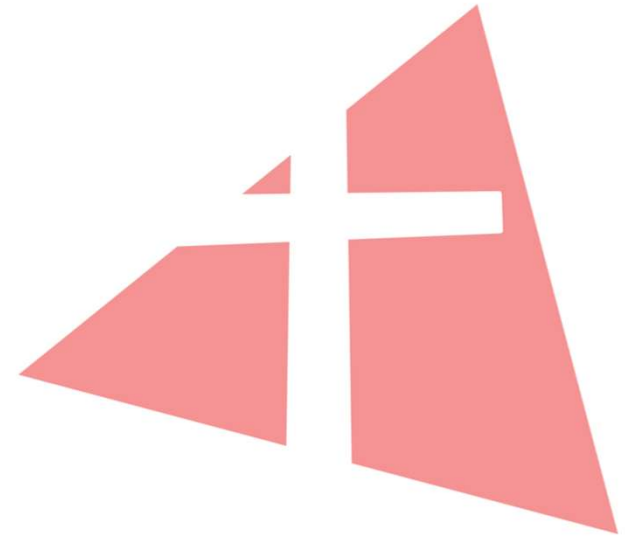
# TODAY'S FOCUS

- Jesus pursuing us



# LUKE 15

- **The lost sheep**
- **The lost coin**
- **The prodigal son**



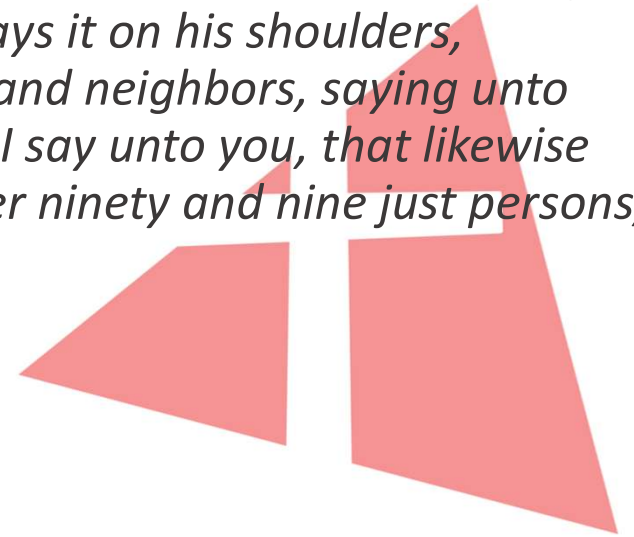
# THE CONTEXT

*Luke 15:1-2 Then drew near unto him all the tax collectors and sinners to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receives sinners, and eats with them.*



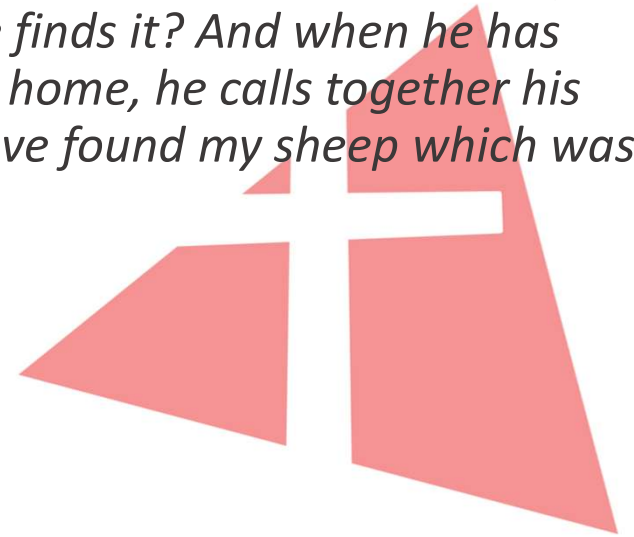
# THE LOST SHEEP

*Luke 15:3-7 And he spoke this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, who need no repentance.*



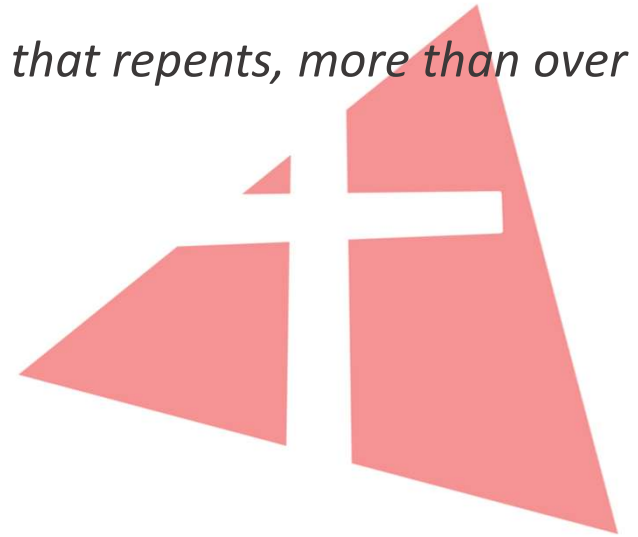
# THE REAL LIFE

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# GOD'S HEART

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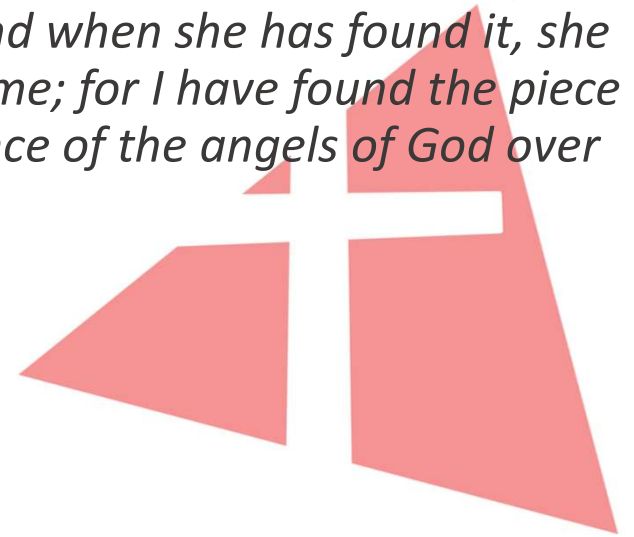
# JESUS' AUDIENCE

- I believe Jesus is directly speaking to and about the Pharisees and the “sinners”
  - I believe that the 99 sheep are not saved



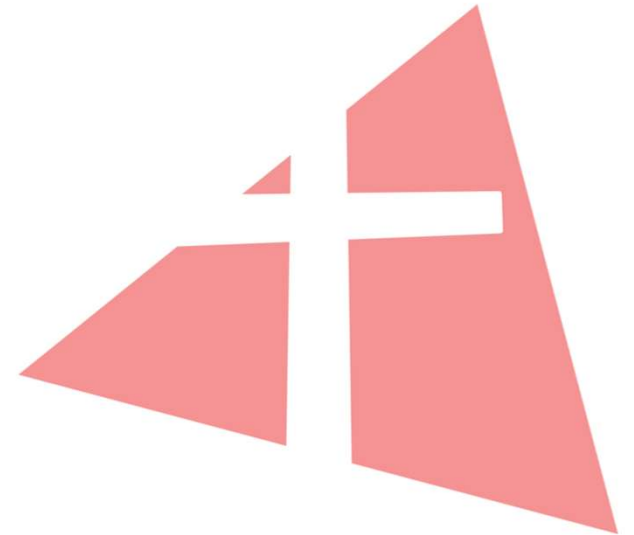
# THE LOST COIN

*Luke 15:8-10 Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she loses one piece, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents.*



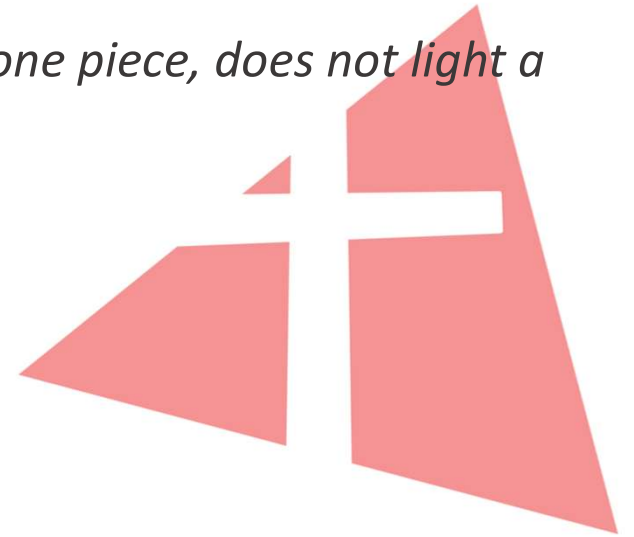
# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- **The sheep proactively goes away**
- **The coin is lost by someone else**
  - Society
  - False teachers
  - False churches
  - ...



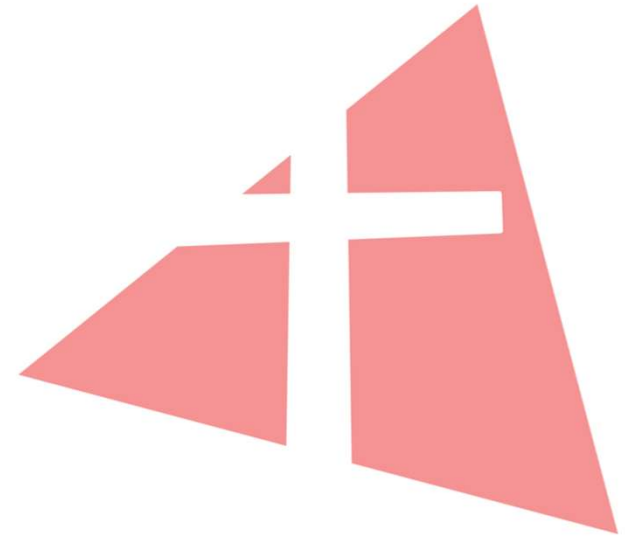
# THE DETERMINATION OF THE WOMAN

*Luke 15:8 Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she loses one piece, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she finds it?*



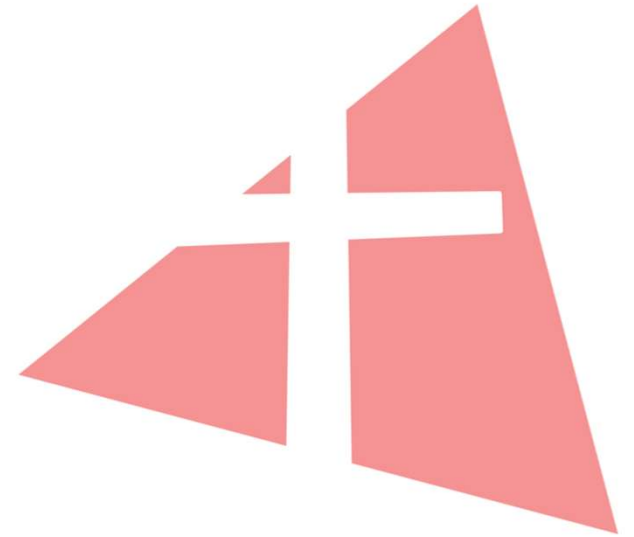
# WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON?

- **Someone got lost**
- **God searches for them**
- **God rejoices when he finds again what was lost**



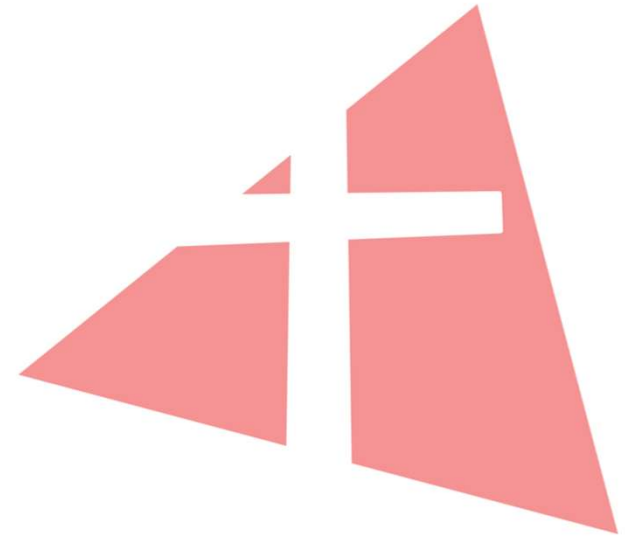
# REPENTANCE

- Our repentance creates joy in heaven



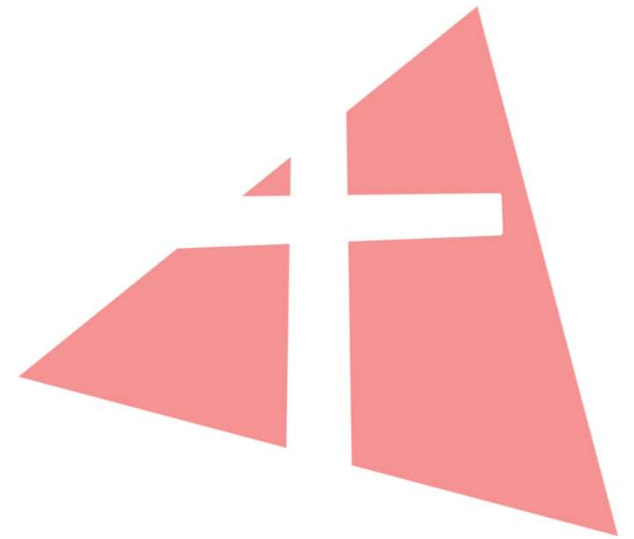
# OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE CHURCH

- Search every single person until you find them



# APPLICATION

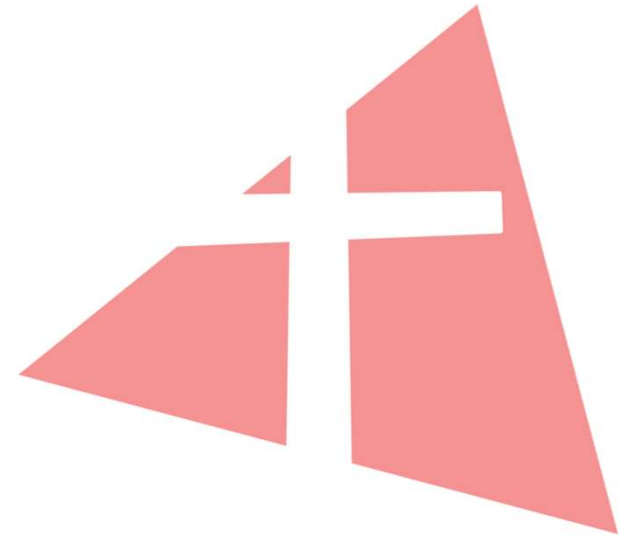
- Repentance is the clearest evidence of Faith





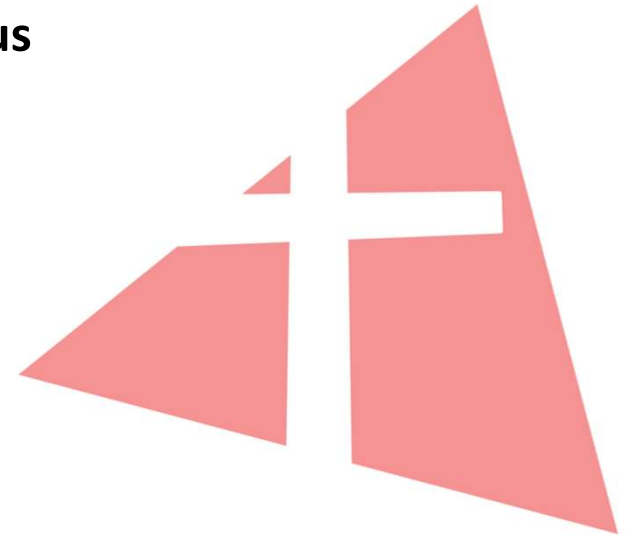
# APPLICATION

- **God doesn't punish those who repent**
  - He might discipline us, but not punish us



# IN CONCLUSION

- **These parables aren't about "us getting lost"**
- **These parables are about God's love for us and Him pursuing us**
  - The parable of the Searching Father
  - The parable of the Waiting Father
  - ...



# IN CONCLUSION

- **God doesn't force His way on us**
- **But He does everything necessary to pursue us**
  - But chooses to still give us free will
- **All it takes: Repentance**

