

**Lost and Found**  
**September 11, 2016**

*O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**LOOK**

Rev. Karen suggested that one way to tell our own “lost and found” stories is to follow the pattern Jesus gives us in Luke 15. Here is the pattern: 1. Something or someone is lost. 2. There is a search. 3. The thing or person is found. 4. There is a celebration.

1. Tell a personal lost and found story using this format.
2. Why is there a celebration?

**BOOK** Luke 15:1-10

*In Luke 15, Jesus shares three parables of grace. This week we study the first two.*

1. What is the wisdom in leaving 99 sheep to find the one that was lost? What does this parable illustrate about the way God loves us?
2. What does the second parable reveal about the way God searches for us? Have you ever noticed God searching for you?
3. How do these parables answer the grumbling of the Pharisees in verse 2?

**TOOK**

God is about the business of finding us, knowing us, and restoring us into relationship with him. Every act of repentance/return/renewal is an act of grace in which God and all of heaven delights.

1. There are so many ways we can get lost and disconnected from God. What are some of the early warning signs you notice when this begins to happen? What helps you get back on track?
2. God seems to like a great party. How can we participate in the searching and finding and celebrating of God’s people at St. Tim’s?