

**III. THE WONDER OF BEING SOUGHT AND...
FOUND! (15:9-10)**

With her silver coin found the woman's mission was not yet accomplished until there was both an invitation and celebration with others (v.9)

Jesus uses this to illustrate the party in heaven by the angels "seeking" to understand the "so great salvation" of one sinner who repents and is found

The salvation of souls is always accompanied by a glorious Joy - uncontainable and contagious. *Joy is the serious business of heaven - C.S. Lewis*

IV. DON'T HIDE, GO SEEK THE LOST AT ANY COST

Q-1: Have you lost the wonder of soul- winning?

Q-2: What specific effort costing you time, money, energies, other resources will you make to seek out the lost?

**BRINGER CHALLENGE
Each One Bring One By January One**

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18 KJV

**BRING
"Seeking" the Lost
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INTRODUCTION

A. The purpose of Capital Baptist Church is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

- B.** A bringer makes at least one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

*“19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;”*
Matthew 28:19-20a

“Those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

Acts 2:41

- C.** In this series, you will learn how to be a bringer by having a heart like God.

Sep 8 Valuing The Lost
TODAY Seeking The Lost
Sep 22 Loving The Lost
Sep 29 Welcoming The Lost

This series is based on Luke 15 which is more about the Prodigal God than the prodigal son.

- D. Text:** Luke 15:8-10 (Pew Bible/Pg.79/New Testament)

HOW TO SEEK THE LOST

(at any Cost!)

“8 What woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me for I have found the coin which I had lost!”

10 In the same way I tell you, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents”
Luke 15:8-10

INTRODUCTION: Note Jesus' unique choice of an inanimate object (1 lost coin) and an unimpressive woman (poor peasant, Pharisees thought of little worth). The point remains: we have a **Searching** God, who actively makes every effort to reach out and seek the lost at any cost, and rejoices whenever this one is found. ***Don't Hide; Go, Seek!***

I. THE WORTH OF THAT WHICH IS LOST! (15:1-2; 8)

Jesus' primary audience were the Pharisees who were self-righteous and cold-hearted in the way they valued the less religious people of the day.

The coin the woman lost was one *drachma* – a Greek silver coin equivalent to a Roman Denarius roughly worth a day's wages.

Drachma literally means desirable and the coin was part of the poor woman's *ketubah* or dowry toward marriage (worn as headgear or necklace)

The woman missed and knew the one silver coin's worth and preciousness in relation to her family, so felt responsible to search for it!

II. THE WORK OF SEEKING THE LOST (15:8)

Jesus uses more details on the task of seeking for the lost here than his other two parables.

Though hardly sufficient, light that represents revelation was required to redeem/find the lost.

Notice all the efforts made (*lights* lamp, *sweeps* whole house, *searches carefully...*) to seek out, doing whatever it takes, *until* the lost is found. NB: lot of emotional and physical effort involved looking in dark crevices in between dirty floors!

There is great perseverance and endurance with hope “until” the coin is securely repossessed!

Christianity is the **only** faith with a seeking God!