

What is God really like?

And does God really like me?

HEART OF GOD:

The _____ of Jesus brings into crystal clear focus the _____ of God.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable:

Luke 15:1-3

Story #1: The Lost Sheep [Luke 15:4-7]

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Story #2: The Lost Coin [Luke 15:8-10]

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Story #3: The Lost Son [Luke 15:11-32]

- Something _____ was lost.
- A careful _____ was made.
- A big _____ was thrown.

The heart of God is to _____ you _____.