



Ever realized that you don't know where a young child is? Panic grips you when you realize – he/she is **lost!** Luke has set up a contrast between the Pharisees/scribes and the publicans/sinners and how God views each. Trace key words in v. 6, 9, 24, 32 – lost, found, joy (merry/glad).

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *God actively finds the person who is lost.*

## 1. Jesus Christ – the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 4

(John 10:11) "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

(1 Peter 2:24-25) "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. {25}For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

## 2. Holy Spirit – the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8

(John 6:44) "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

How does the Father draw the lost? John 16:7-11 He sends the Holy Spirit to "reprove" (convict, rebuke) of...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ – you have failed
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ – you don't measure up
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ – you face God's judgement

## 3. Father – the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 20

See the father anxiously waiting. Vision sharpened by love, pity, excitement and expressions of love. **When** do we see such love? "When..." (v. 17).



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*Son dies, Spirit searches, Father welcomes!*