

Evening Lesson

WHAT TO DO WITH WANDERING SHEEP

Luke 15:4-7

INTRO:

1. A fallen child of God is in a terrible condition.
2 Pet. 2:20-22; Luke 16:19-31
2. What do we do when we see a fellow believer wandering from the truth?

I. WHAT CAN WE DO TO WIN SOMEONE BACK?

- A. We can pray for him. **James 5:15, 16; Psalm 55:17; James 5:16; Matt. 7:7-11; 21:22; Luke 11:1-13; Luke 18:18; 1 John 3:22**
- B. We can seek him. **Luke 15:4**
 1. The woman turned her house upside down looking for the lost coin. **Luke 15:8**
 2. Cain notwithstanding, we are our brother's keeper. **Gen. 4:9**
 3. Aquila and Priscilla took Apollos **unto them** (KJV, ASV). **Acts 18:26**
 4. Of those who drop out, half can be brought back if they are visited within the first two months; and up to 80 % may eventually return to active participation at some point. **Prov. 18:19**
 5. Be a friend. **Prov. 27:6, 10, 17**
- C. We can try to convert him. **James 5:19**
 1. In our visits we must get around to talking about his spiritual condition. **2 Thess. 3:13-15; Heb. 10:24; 2 Tim. 4:2**
 2. As people begin to open up, we must listen. **James 1:19; Prov. 18:13**
 3. Take a bible and be ready to read appropriate passages. **Rom. 1:16; Eph. 6:17**
 4. Don't assume he already knows the passages. **2 Pet. 1:9**
- D. We can aim to restore him. **Gal. 6:1; Ezek. 18:24; Ezek. 34:16**

...coming next Sunday evening...

II. WHAT DO I SAY WHEN I TALK TO THEM?