

# 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?

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

#### A. Encourage and exhort.

1. Many need a word of encouragement more than a sentence of condemnation. **Deut. 1:38; 3:28; Acts 13:15; Rom. 9:9; Rom. 10:8; 1 Cor. 12:8; 2 Cor. 5:19; Eph. 1:13; Phil. 2:16; Heb. 13:22**
2. Some people need a stronger dose of medicine. **Jude 1:22, 23**
3. Some are drawn to Jesus' love and some are fleeing hell. **Mark 8:33-38; John 8:1-11; Gal. 2:11; Phil 4:2**

4. We need to pray for wisdom. **James 1:5**

#### B. Remind them of the joy of salvation. **Rev. 2:5; Gal.5:22, 23; Psalm 51:10-12; Job 29:2, 3**

1. Illus.: "Come Thou Fount"
2. **Isa. 57:18; Jer. 31:13**

#### C. Ask them to repent and recommit their lives to the Lord. **Acts 2:40; Mark 8:34; Acts 8:22, 23; Gal. 6:1; Matt. 7:12; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; 1 Pet. 1:3; 2 Pet. 3:9**

#### D. Explain the need for public confession and importance of immediate involvement. **James 5:16; 1 John 1:9**

### CONC:

1. Who should do the restoring? **James 5:19**
2. The soul winner in **James 5:20** is both anonymous and singular.
3. The highest honor God can give is bestowed on those who lead folks to heaven. **Dan. 12:3**
4. We get closer to God by bringing others into his presence. **1 Tim. 4:16**