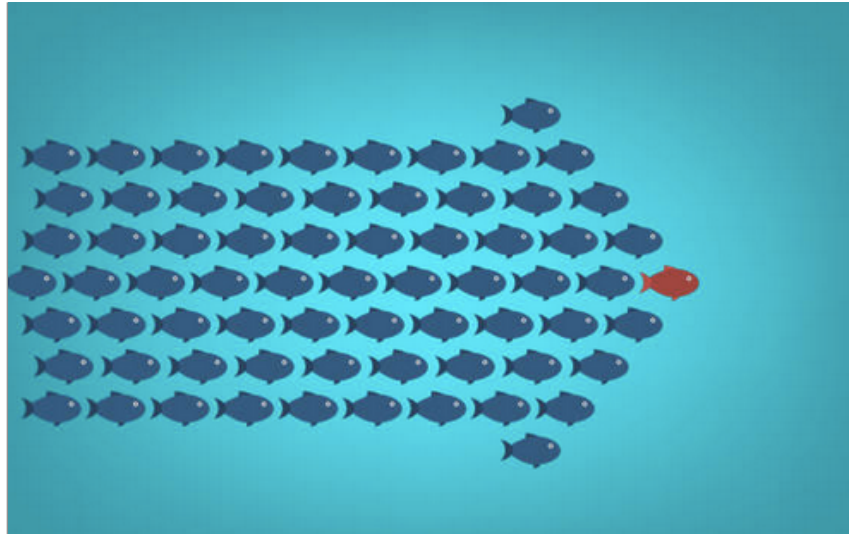


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Luke 15

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. **2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." **3** Then Jesus told them this parable: **4** "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? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' **7** 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.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Luke 15:1-7.
2. How is God like a shepherd? How are we like sheep?
3. What does it look like in our context for the shepherd to leave the 99 to go looking for the 1?
4. According to this passage, what makes God happy?
5. How does this contrast with the experience of religious people like the Pharisees?
6. Do most Christians today live like apprentice shepherds?
7. What are the practical ways by which we can be like the good shepherd?

Take time to pray for one another.