

B. To \_\_\_\_\_ the Burden of the Sheep (v. 5)

*“But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: 8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)*

### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SHEPHERD

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Rejoices (v. 5b)

*“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” (Psalm 126:6)*

*“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” (Philippians 2:16)*

*“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? 20 For ye are our glory and joy.” (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Rejoice (v. 6)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Rejoices (v. 10)

*“When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.” (Acts 11:18)*

*“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” (Luke 15:10)*

### CONCLUSION

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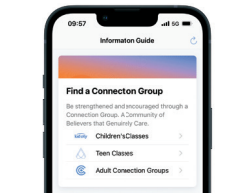
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# THE HEART OF THE SHEPHERD

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**Text:** Luke 15:1-7

*“Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. 3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying, 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.” (Luke 15:1-7)*

## INTRODUCTION

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*“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:36-37)*

## 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SHEPHERD (v. 4)

*“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6)*

### A. Go Out of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4)

#### LEAVING OUR COMFORT ZONE

*“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27)*

#### GOING TO FIND THE LOST

### B. Seek the \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE SHEPHERD HAS A PURPOSE

*“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:29-31)*

*“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)*

*“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;” (2 Corinthians 5:11)*

*“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;” (2 Corinthians 5:18)*

## THE CHIEF SHEPHERD IS OUR EXAMPLE

*“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)*

*“For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:25)*

*“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:12-13)*

## 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SHEPHERD (v. 4-5)

### A. To \_\_\_\_\_ the Lost Sheep (v. 4c)

*“And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)*

*“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)*

*“He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.” (Ecclesiastes 11:4)*

*“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” (1 Corinthians 15:34)*