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**Study Questions for the September 5, 2021 Sermon:**  
**“The Precious One”**  
**Luke 15:1-7**

1. Read Ezekiel 34: 11 & 12. *For thus says the Lord God: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.* Compare this to John 10:11. What statement was Jesus saying about his divinity?
2. Read Luke 15:3-7.
  - a. State the point of the parable in no more than two sentences.
  - b. Can you refer to any other scriptures that make this same point?
3. Perhaps you have heard someone say: “God is running the entire universe. I’m sure he is not involved with my problems.” How might you use this parable to communicate the gospel to someone with that perspective on God?
4. The shepherd in the parable may have exposed himself to some hazards while seeking out the lost sheep.
  - a. To what hazards might you be exposed while reaching out to the unsaved?
  - b. Refer to scriptures that advise you regarding those hazards (e.g. Galatians 6:1, Matthew 18:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:22).
5. Our “homework” assignments included praying for:
  - a. An opportunity to talk to the person you hope to bring to church on September 19<sup>th</sup>. And,
  - b. A response from that person. If you have interacted with the person for whom you are praying, please share your experience.
6. Even though the shepherd actively seeks out the sheep, verse 7 includes one action that the sheep needs to take. What is that action?

7. In verse 15:7, Jesus says there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents.
  - a. How does this response compare to the reaction of the Pharisees in verse 15:2?
  - b. Why would the Pharisees have grumbled over sinners listening to Jesus?