

## Confronted with Compassion

*“Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near to Jesus to listen to Him. Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’” Luke 15:1–2.*

### 1. The (implied) Question.

Why does Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with tax collectors and sinners? (Luke 15:2).

### 2. Story #1: Lost Sheep.

A. The Pharisees value \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 15:4-6).

B. God the Father values \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 15:7).

### 3. Story #2: Lost Coin.

A. The Pharisees value \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 15:8-9).

B. God the Father values \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 15:10).

#### In Stories #1 and #2 we see that:

A. Both the Pharisees and God the Father \_\_\_\_\_ when the things which they value are recovered.

B. The Pharisees and God the Father have the \_\_\_\_\_ response but they are \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. Story #3: Lost Son.

A. The father \_\_\_\_\_ over the younger son's return and shows \_\_\_\_\_ toward him (Luke 15:20-24).

B. The elder son is \_\_\_\_\_ at the father and his response (Luke 15:25-30).

#### In Story #3 we see that:

When it comes to \_\_\_\_\_, the elder son and the father have \_\_\_\_\_ responses.

### 5. The Answer.

Jesus receives and eats with tax collectors and sinners because He has the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Pharisees have the heart of \_\_\_\_\_.