

# All For One

Speaker

Pastor Sam Sibley



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## Key Scriptures

Luke 15:1-7

Luke 19:10

2 Peter 3:9

## Message Summary

In *The Parable of the Lost Sheep*, Jesus teaches us the value of ONE in God's Kingdom. Discovering that one of his sheep is lost, the Good Shepherd leaves His flock of ninety-nine to search for it—a choice that defies human logic but reflects the heart of God.

Jesus' parable was a direct challenge to the audience of religious leaders that day, who valued rules more than they valued people. In their eyes, sinners were dismissed as unworthy of love, time, energy. Jesus paints a picture of a shepherd who notices just one sheep missing and refuses to rest until it is found. For Jesus, the ONE lost sheep is not a distraction from the mission. It is the mission! In the Kingdom of God, every person is priceless. And when a lost soul is found, heaven rejoices!

Jesus is that Good Shepherd for us—pursuing us, finding us, and rejoicing over us when we're brought home. Now that we know the deep love and kindness of the Good Shepherd, it's our turn to live with the same heart: to notice those who are lost and broken around us, to focus on the ONE within our spheres of influence, and to celebrate when the lost are found again. May we not become so comfortable in the safe arms of the Good Shepherd that we forget about His lost children out there. Who is your ONE?

## Quotes

**One seed can grow an orchard.  
One drop can start a flood.  
One spark can ignite a forest.  
One is very important.**

— Pastor Sam Sibley

**Jesus didn't seek out the crowds.  
He took time to notice the ONE.**

— Pastor Sam Sibley

**When we focus on the One, God  
will give us the crowds. We so  
desperately want the crowds, and  
God so desperately wants the One.**

— Pastor Sam Sibley

## Prayer

Lord, thank You for being the Good Shepherd who never stopped pursuing me. I thank You for your unending love. Help me to notice, to seek, and to celebrate every person You bring home. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

# Reflection

## What Do You Think?

Reflect on these questions independently or discuss them with your Life Group.

## Questions

**1.** Which part of today's message stood out the most to you, and why?

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**2.** Pastor Sam said, "Someone took the time for you. You were the ONE to someone at some point." Who was that person for you?

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**3.** How have you personally experienced Jesus pursuing you when you felt far from Him?

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**4.** How does this parable reshape our understanding of what "success" in ministry really looks like?

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**5.** *"The shepherd has to notice that one sheep is missing."* Who have you noticed that is lost? As a group, pray specifically for each ONE today.  
*If you can't think of someone, ask God to show you this week, and report back next week.*

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