**THE JOY OF THE FATHER**

Luke 15:1-32

1. Read verses 1,2. Why did the religious leaders grumble at Jesus? (1,2) What’s wrong with them?
2. Read verses 3-7. Describe the Parable of the Lost Sheep (3-6). What is Jesus’ message to the grumbling religious leaders? (7)
3. Read verses 8-10. Describe the Parable of the Lost Coin (8,9). What is Jesus’ message to the grumbling religious leaders? (10)
4. Read verses 11-32. Describe the Parable of the Lost Son: the younger son (11-20a), the father (20b-24), and the older son (25-30)? What is Jesus’ message to the grumbling religious leaders? (31,32)
5. How are the three parables related? What do you learn from them?