

The Importance of One

Luke 15:1-7

Introduction: In our throwaway society, we often forget the value of a soul. Jesus constantly reminds us throughout Scripture that every soul is important to Him—even ours.

I. Christ's Concern

A. Do people matter to you?

Jonah 4:11, Luke 18:11

B. Jesus saw all men as God's creation

Matthew 9:36, Mark 10:21

C. What does concern look like?

Luke 14:5, 7, 23, 34

II. Christ's Effort

A. The Shepherd risked the ninety-nine

Luke 19:10, Luke 14:25-33

B. The Shepherd risked His own health

1 Samuel 17:37, John 10:15

C. The Shepherd carried the lamb

2 Corinthians 11:28, 1 John 4:20

III. Christ's Joy

A. The rejoicing of the angels

Luke 2:14, Revelations 4

B. The sound of the ninety-nine

James 2:1-9, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

C. The call of our Lord

Mark 16:15, John 4:35