
**Series: Seeing the Same Old Thing for the First Time
Compelling Love that Produces Compelling Action**

Matthew 18: 10-14 (HCSB)

¹⁰ *“See that you don’t look down on one of these little ones, because I tell you that in heaven their angels continually view the face of My Father in heaven.*

¹¹ *For the Son of Man has come to save the lost.*

¹² *What do you think? If a man has 100 sheep, and one of them goes astray, won’t he leave the 99 on the hillside and go and search for the stray?*

¹³ *And if he finds it, I assure you: He rejoices over that sheep more than over the 99 that did not go astray.*

¹⁴ *In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones perish.*

**1. NOTHING ALIGNS US QUICKER WITH GOD’S
PURPOSE THAN CARING FOR THE LOST.**

v. 11 *“For the Son of Man has come to save the lost.”*

- Lost people matter to God.
- There are no “throw-aways” in the Kingdom of God.
- Christ’s mission to redeem mankind is culminated in His sacrifice.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (HCSB)

²¹ *He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**2. WE COUNT PEOPLE BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT.
(v. 12-13)**

- How did the shepherd know one was missing? He counted the 99!
- God is concerned about numbers and so should we.
- We count the things that are important to us.

**3. GOD IS ON A MISSION AND HE WANTS US TO JOIN
HIM.**

v. 14 *“In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones perish.”*

- God desires that everyone be saved.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (HCSB)

³ *This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

- However, every person must believe in Christ for salvation.

Acts 4:12 (HCSB)

¹² *“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”*

- Unfortunately, not everyone is willing to surrender to Jesus as Lord.

Matthew 19:21-22 (NLT)

Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”²² But when the young man heard this, he went sadly away because he had many possessions.

God has gone the extra mile to demonstrate to us how much He wants us to spend eternity with Him.

Sharing our faith with others allows us to be on mission with Him.