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# Sharing Hope in Christ, Power through Prayer

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## DOUBLE IRONY

Luke 15:3-4 "Then Jesus told them this parable: 'Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?'"

How are we doing, as God's people, about reaching out to the lost sheep? Jesus certainly was concerned for them. In the parable the shepherd left the ninety-nine and went after the one lost sheep. He kept looking until he found it and brought it safely back. Is the church doing the same thing? It doesn't seem as though we are when we look at where the church's money is spent. We spend 90% of the funds on Christians and only 10% on reaching the lost. Are we more concerned about our building than we are in reaching souls for Christ?

20% of the world's people have never heard of Jesus. Millions more don't understand what the gospel really means in their life. What can we do to reach the lost? We can't all become missionaries and go to the countries where these people live. But we can all pray and intercede for the lost. Supporting those on the mission field financially and with prayer is also something we can do.

*Let's commit to enlarging the Kingdom of God by praying for the lost.* You can start with your neighbors, your fellow workers and those you meet as you go about your day. Then pray for your community, state, and nation that the Holy Spirit will open hearts and eyes to the gospel. Let you and I be prepared to share the gospel. Let us seek the lost ones everywhere.