



The Parable of the Lost Sheep

“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?”

And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’

I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”

Luke 15:4-7



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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

**An Invitation to
Non-Practicing Catholics**

We Welcome You Home!

- *Join us for a series of small group meetings to reconnect with your faith family.*
- *Journey to the fullness of faith by unpacking the truth and teachings of the Church.*
- *Respond to Christ's call to holiness and share in the life of the resurrection.*

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for awhile, this invitation is for you!

No matter how long or for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Take a step towards extraordinary dialogue and exchange between persons, and begin to encounter Christ anew.

Our faith community at Good Shepherd Catholic Church is incomplete without you. We long to accompany you – each other – as we grow in faith, hope and love.

Please join us for seven informal sessions and update your knowledge and awareness of the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith. Each session is conducted in a supportive, conversational environment, focused on listening and experiencing the grace of the Lord.

Everyone is welcome no matter where you are in your life journey!

Catholics Returning Home (CRH)

Sample Content Outline

Session 1 – Meet and Greet Session/Q&A

Session 2 – Welcome! “Why Am I Here?”
The Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son

Session 3 – The Church Today:
Changes Since Vatican II/Q&A

Session 4 – Explanation of the Mass/Q&A

Session 5 – Explanation of Reconciliation
(Confession) and Examination of
Conscience/Q&A

Session 6 – The Bible: God’s Love Letter to
Humanity/ Q/A

Session 7 – The Creed: What Catholics
Believe/Q&A

Note: The next series is anticipated to begin in January 2022.

The CRH Ministry uses several resources to guide and enrich discussions among participants and the ministry team.

Likewise, the team uses a well-regarded ministry guide designed for the express purpose of helping us to “accompany” non-practicing Catholics as they journey forward in faith. Authored by Sally L. Mews, her personal experience of being separated from the Church for many years, and her decision to return, inspired her to prepare a thoughtful program focused on listening to participants, conveying the beauty of the Catholic faith and accompanying Catholics back home.

Catholics Returning Home (CRH) was recognized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in “*A Time to Listen...A Time to Heal*,” as a model program for reaching out to non-practicing Catholics.

CRH sessions are offered as a series and registration is required. Prospective participants will be contacted in advance of the series with more details. The Good Shepherd wants to welcome you back to the fold!