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OUTLINE 2/12/12: EZEKIEL 34:1-16/LUKE 15:3-7

The Cause of Successful Evangelism

Ezekiel 34:1-24

1. Why were they coming?

Because they were *called*. 5:29-32 / Acts 2:40/1 Cor 1:25,26:
They were *qualified*: Prov 20:12/John 10: 2-4/14:35/19:45-48
He went: Matthew 21:28 "2 sons"

2. The Parable is a *rebuke* and lesson for all Shepherds: vs 2,3

The rulers / The disciples / Us: Ezek 34:1,2 /3-4/ 5-6 /
Covetous / Careless / Cowardly - John 10:12,13

3. An insight into the Saviors joy.

"He fulfilled scripture" Heb 12:3-4 / Ezekiel 34:12 /
I will seek, bring out, feed, cause to rest, judge, save, appoint, I will be God to them. Vs22 - There will be one Shepherd -

4. The deep love and commitment of *the* shepherd?: vs4

He laid down His life. John 10: 11/14,15

5. The condition of men merits this work:

The analogy of the 3 "Sheep / coin / son"
Senseless -1 Cor 2:14 Dead Eph 2:1/ Eph 4:17-19- Ps 119:176

6. The intimacy of the *Shepherd/Sheep relationship in redemption*: vs5/ Matthew 18:10-14

Union/Fellowship/Conversion: 1 Pet 2:25 (Restored)

7. Rejoice with me: vs6

Father, Son, Holy Spirit, angel, and saints