



JESUS FOR THE OUTCAST

Luke 5:12 – 16, 36 – 38; 2 Corinthians 4:1

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MESSAGE NOTES

- The Gospel of Luke was written by Luke who was a doctor.
- Luke was a traveling companion of the Apostle Paul.
- Luke teaches us to pay attention to people.
- Theme: “The heart of God for the world.”

He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.” – Luke 5:36-38 (ESV)

Reaching the outcast while healing the outcast within:

While He was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged Him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. And He charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” But now even more the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities. But He would withdraw to desolate places and pray. – Luke 5:12-16 (ESV)

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- With a grace report



But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. – Luke 5:15 (ESV)

The most compelling case for Christ is not made by the person who has all the right answers, instead it is the person whose heart is overflowing with joy.

- With a full cup

But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. – Luke 5:16 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Where were you when the earthquake hit and what was your first reaction?
- What is an outcast? What does it mean to be a church that is reaching the least, the last, the lost and the lonely? How do we do that as a church family and as individuals?
- How might Christ want to heal the “outcast” within each of us?
- Jesus uses a story about not putting new wine into old wine skins to describe the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. Share how this illustration is a picture of the message of salvation and what some of our old wine skins might be.
- Why is Christ’s example of reaching out to the man with leprosy such a powerful example of how we are to reach out with God’s love and message today?
- Share a grace report on how God has shown up in your life recently?
- What most stands out to you about Christ’s interaction with the man who he healed from leprosy? What is your biggest takeaway from the message this week?
- How does prayer fill our cup spiritually? Would you take some time to pray for our Executive Pastor search and for ENCOUNTER’S elder board and ministry team as they seek God’s direction on some of the faith steps for our future.