

We are growing disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to worshiping God and transforming our world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Worship

- I. Worship (John 4:20-24)
 - A. Worship is person centered, not place centered.
 - B. Worship is the posture of the heart, not the practice of habits.
 1. "Worship" means to fall before one to honor Him.
 2. In spirit and truth.
 - Our spirit, our heart, must bow in total surrender and honor.
 - Our body will reflect our heart.
- God is spirit
Jesus is the revelation of the unseen God. (1:18)
Jesus is the temple. (2:19-21; Rev 21:22)
Jesus is the truth. (14:6)

Grow

- Jesus trained people in small groups.
- I. He chose 12. (Luke 6:12-13)
 - A. These would live with Him, watching and listening to Him.
 - B. They could ask questions.
 - II. The Women
 - A. They gathered because they were broken. (Lk 8:1-3)
 - B. They followed Him from Galilee to the cross! (Lk 23:49)
 - C. They went to the tomb. (Lk 23:55)
 - D. They were the first witnesses to the resurrection! (Lk 24:1-2a; Mt. 28:5-8)

GO

(Luke 10:1-12)

- I. The need.
- II. Pray
- III. Go

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"WHO IS IN, WHO IS OUT?"
Luke 5:12 - 32

Passage Overview:

Jesus was a leader as no other, attracting followers everywhere He went. But His strategic purpose stands in stark contrast to accepted norms. Consider the people to whom Jesus directed His attention. They were not the well connected, the well educated, or the cream of the crop of society. Instead, He pursued the broken, the ostracized, the unwanted and unloved.

Jesus came as a physician of both soul and body, so he spent His time among those who knew they were desperately sick. He came to those who knew how much they needed Him, not to those who considered themselves to be healthy and able. Luke 5 gives us multiple glimpses of Jesus' heart and compassion for the marginalized, broken, and consciously needy people.

One day an untouchable approached him. This man covered with leprosy. The leper believed that Jesus had the power and authority to heal Him. He also recognized that Jesus was not obligated to help him. Jesus' response went far beyond what would have been expected. He not only healed the leper, but he touched him, an unthinkable act of kindness.

Another day, a group of men interrupted Jesus' teaching as they lowered a paralyzed man through the roof above. His immovable limbs were a reflection of his heart condition, dead because of sin. Unable to help himself, he now lay helplessly before the Son of God. Jesus forgave his sins and then healed his body.

Even His choice of disciples revealed Jesus' love for the undesirables. Levi was a tax collector. As such, he was deemed to be a thief. For him, personal wealth and benefit outweighed the good of other people. He had sold himself out to the oppressors, betraying the Jews for temporal treasures. But Jesus found him and called him to follow. Jesus even feasted with Levi's friends of disrepute!

Jesus came to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous. He searches out the broken, the hated, and those who know they are hopeless wrecks. When He is done cleansing, healing and giving them new life, they are new people and members of His kingdom.

Reading for Next Week: Luke 5:12 - 32