

Text the word "FIRST" to 317-350-1996 to join us in completing weekly Faith First journey starting in September.

# THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

## BIG IDEA

When we have a right understanding of how God sees us, we can then see others through Jesus' eyes.

## SCRIPTURE

Read Luke chapter 7 before attending your small group. At your meeting read aloud Genesis 16:13, Psalms 139:16-17, and Proverbs 15:3.

## OPENER

Share a time when you judged someone by their outward appearance but were wrong with your judgement once you got to know the person.

## QUESTIONS

1. In his sermon, Pastor Dave stated, "It is hard to see things from someone else's perspective." Do you agree with his statement? Why? Do you try to understand someone else's perspective? Explain. How has your decision affected your life?
2. How do you see a non-believer, someone who speaks badly about Christians and Jesus, or even another believer who does not walk out their faith as you do? Are you self-righteous or do you see others as Jesus sees them? Share.
3. Each of us has experienced grief. Share how the Lord ministered to you during that time, including when and how you experienced His joy.
4. How has Jesus impacted your life when you were desperate, grieving, doubting, game-playing, or broken? Share one of those "meetings with Jesus." What did you learn from that experience?
5. Describe a Bible verse, sermon topic, Christian song, or Godly event that brought tears to your eyes. Do you think your response was emotional or an indication of your brokenness, because the circumstances caused you to see your sin/failure? Share.
6. Read Luke 7:36-50. What do you learn about Jesus' view of you from this story? In what ways do you relate with the woman in this story? In what ways do you relate with the Pharisee?
7. This coming week review Luke 7 and your sermon notes. Then reflect, asking God to show you truth about yourself, others in your life and the Lord. Pray for insight on how you should "walk out" what the Lord reveals to you.

## TAKEAWAY

- God saw you before you were born.
- Jesus sees you when you are:
  - Desperate
  - Grieving
  - Doubting
  - Playing Games
  - Broken
- We need to see others as God sees them.
- The Lord sees your issues and says, “Bring it to me.”

## REFERENCES

1 Samuel 16:7	Psalm 107:20
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## DIGGING DEEPER

- In Matthew 15:28, Jesus heals the demon possessed daughter of a Gentile woman, because she was persistent and had great faith, like the Roman Centurion. Both the Gentile woman and the pagan Roman Centurion were considered “unclean” and unworthy by the Jewish people. Why did Jesus, a Jew, cross this barrier, healing both the daughter and the servant?
- In Luke 7:31-32, Jesus says the people of that generation (maybe our generation too?) complain that Jesus doesn’t fit into their view of what they want Him to be. Do you ever make the mistake of trying to put a box around Jesus and wanting Him to do things just the way you want? A much better approach is to seek out how Jesus wants to use you in situations, and then praying for guidance and strength to do your part. Share an example of where you’ve succeeded and/or failed doing this in 2020.
- Do you find it easy to look down on the sins of others and feel you are better by comparison? What sins are you committing when you do this and how does it get in the way of the Great Commission Jesus gave to each of us (Matthew 28:18-20)