

## RADICAL INCLUSION

Luke 5:1-32

Most of us have felt the pain of being excluded. Those experiences are painful because we are created for relationship. As our culture becomes increasingly relationally fractured increasing numbers of people feel completely excluded. The answer is the Good News about Christ, which promises radical inclusion.

The desire to be \_\_\_\_\_ is an expression of the image of God in us, but the desire to reject and \_\_\_\_\_ others is the result of our sinful nature.

### A. THE FISHERMEN (Luke 5:1-11)

*“Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”*

Matthew 13:47-50

The Good News about God’s kingdom will \_\_\_\_\_ people of all kinds into the net.

### B. THE MAN WITH LEPROSY (Luke 5:12-14)

### C. THE AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SIN (Luke 5:17-26)

The Pharisees were professional people \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus claims that his authority to heal, demonstrated his authority to \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

### D. THE PHYSICIAN OF OUR SOULS (Luke 5:27-32)

*“Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.”*

### APPLICATIONS

**1) Those who follow Jesus understand that they are spiritually sick and \_\_\_\_\_ a physician.**

Matthew 23:23

Matthew 7:3–5 (NLT)

“And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? <sup>4</sup> How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.

Matthew 7:3-5

We need to focus more on the joy of being \_\_\_\_\_ and less on the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

**2) Those who follow Jesus treat all people as if they are of immense \_\_\_\_\_ to God. John 3:16-17**

Followers of Jesus Christ must not \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ those with whom they disagree.

**3) Those who follow Jesus seek to \_\_\_\_\_ with the sinful. Luke 5:30**

Identifying with the \_\_\_\_\_ is a mark of a follower of Jesus.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when you felt the pain of exclusion?
2. When have you been involved, even unintentionally in excluding others?
3. In what sense does the Good News gather people of all kinds?
4. How do you think you would have felt if you had been with Jesus when he was approached by the man with leprosy?
5. What was the relationship between Jesus' authority to heal and his authority to forgive sin?
6. How do you think the disciples felt at the banquet that Levi gave for his friends?
7. What kind of people cause you to feel uncomfortable?
8. In what way do we rationalize our sin?
9. How does rationalizing our sin negatively affect our relationship with others?
10. How do we know that sinful people are valuable to God?
11. Why is it critical that followers of Jesus not demean or devalue people with whom they disagree?
12. What can we do to develop meaningful relationship with people who don't know Jesus?
13. Who are three people who don't know Jesus, who you will pray for and ask God to give you opportunities to be with them?

# *Welcome*

*to*

# *Hillcrest Church!*

*Love, Acceptance And  
Forgiveness!*

*They tell us how you turned to God from idols to  
serve the living and true God, and  
to wait for his Son from heaven*

*1 Thessalonians 1:9-10*

**August 28, 2022**  
**Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY AUGUST 28**

Tim Brooks will be speaking about the inclusiveness of the gospel. Pastor Bruce will be back next Sunday.

### **SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> ROSEVILLE CITY CHURCH**

Hillcrest Church has received an invitation to join Roseville City Church (RCC) for a Barbecue & Movie night (movie is called Amazing Grace, story of William Wilberforce abolishing the slave trade in England). RCC will provide barbecue, salads, chips, condiments, paper plates and utensils. Hillcrest can bring drinks and desserts. RCC is about ½ mile away from Hillcrest.

Friday, Sept. 2nd, 5:30pm (Labor Day weekend)

Roseville City Church, 125 Franklin Street

If you would like to attend sign up at the offering station so we can let RCC know how much food to prepare.

### **SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Zaragoza will be our guest worship leader. You will remember Dave because he previously served as our worship leader.

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> – WORK DAY, 9AM - 12AM**

It's time for our fall cleaning. We can use all the help we can get. Coffee and donuts will be available and lunch will be served at noon. Cleaning the kitchen, moving items to the lower level, placing things in the storage shed and more are some of the things that we need to accomplish.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS**

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### **FACILITY UPGRADES – THE KITCHEN & UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S AREA**

We will be replacing the kitchen sink, base cabinets, counter tops and apply a fresh coat of paint in the next few weeks. It will look great! Additionally, the upper children's area is being reworked and will also look fantastic. If you want to contribute money to that effort write "kitchen" in the memo of your check.

### **HALLOWEEN OUTREACH**

We are looking ahead to our outreach October 31. If you would like to help in any capacity please sign up at the offering station or talk to Melissa.