



STUDY GUIDE

March 2-3, 2019



Series Overview: Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p><u>"Outsiders & Insiders"</u></p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.</p>	<p>When we read narratives of Jesus' healing ministry we tend to fixate on the healing miracles and miss the ethnicity of those healed. One of these groups was the Sidonians. Generations of hatred against the Sidonians had built up to the point where many from the Jewish tribes wouldn't dare go to Sidon or even talk with someone from Sidon. These stories engage the bigotry and generational hatred that was everywhere.</p> <p>The common belief among Jesus' tribe was "We're the faithful, we're the chosen, we're the ones God loves. We're INSIDERS. Enemies like the Sidonians are OUTSIDERS. We're on God's side, they're not." But Jesus would dismiss, even reverse this history and would heal and bless Sidonians. Jesus wasn't about outsiders and insiders – anyone open to Him, anyone hungry to grow, learn, and be transformed was welcomed. Regardless of where they were from.</p>

Engage
<p>Scripture: Mark 7:31-37; Matthew 15:21-28; Luke 6:17-19</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say? 2. How do you feel about Jesus' approach of inclusivity? Was he too radical? Just right? Not enough? Explain. 3. How do you feel the church (not just SPAC) but the church in general does with revealing God's heart for inclusivity? How do you do with it, and feel about it personally? 4. In what ways do you feel like Jesus might be inviting you to reach outside of your familiar, safe, comfortable environment, and towards who/what?

Pray	Announce
<p>For conversations started as a result of the challenge last week.</p> <p>For a freedom for people to attend Reveal to understand this issue and help others and themselves.</p> <p>For families getting ready to dedicate children.</p> <p>You can request prayer any time PRAYER REQUESTS.</p>	<p>Reveal: Understanding and responding to a sexually exploitive, pornified culture Mar 8/9</p> <p>Child dedications Mar 9/10</p> <p>Worship Nights – Mar 9</p> <p>Hymn Sing – Mar 10</p> <p>Check out: www.spac.ca/events</p>
<p>We have a pastoral care team at SPAC to walk alongside people through life's challenges. Should anyone in your group experience significant illness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, (with their permission) please contact our church office: (780) 467-8404</p>	