



2020 VISION:

SEEING AS JESUS SEES

THE OUTCASTS



# How We Sometimes See Outcasts

- **Unpleasant**

- **Unpleasant Appearances**

*James 2:3-5*

- **Unpleasant Behavior**

*Genesis 21:9, 10*



# How We Sometimes See Outcasts

- **Embarrassing**
  - **Because They Are 'Different'**
  - **Because Society Says So**

**Romans 12:2**



# How We Sometimes See Outcasts

- **Unwelcome**
  - **They Are Not Like 'Us'**
  - **They Do Not 'Fit In'**



# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Avoid Them Altogether**
  - **They Make Us Uncomfortable**
  - **We Don't Want To Be Seen With Them**



# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Exclude Them**
  - **A Deliberate Rejection**
  - **They Are Not Worthy Of Our Company**

**Luke 7:36ff; Matthew 9:9-13**



# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Mock Them**
  - **One Step Further In Distinguishing Them**
  - **Highlighting Differences & Criticizing Everything**



# The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Denigrate Them**
  - **We Make Sure They Know They Are 'Less'**
  - **Next Step: Oppression**





# How Jesus Sees Outcasts

- **Worthy Of Inclusion**

**Matt. 9:10; Luke 15:1**

- **He Came For Them!**

**Matthew 9:12, 13**

- **They Should Be A Part Of Our Lives**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:26**



# How Jesus Sees Outcasts

- **'Different' Can Be Acceptable/Useful**
- **We Are All 'Different,' But Also All Useful**
- **All Of Us Are The Same: In Need Of A Savior**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-26**

**Mark 16:15, 16; Psalm 142:4**



# How Jesus Sees Outcasts

- **Valuable**

- **God Looks At Their Heart**

**Proverbs 27:19; 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7**

- **Valuable For What We May Do**

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:15; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:7**

