

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!

DEACON RETREAT

-- MARCH 5-6 --

Our deacons gather together for a yearly retreat to fellowship together and plan out the year for their groups and ministries at Southside and beyond. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3aPYz1x>

SSBC NEXTGEN SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Southside's Next Generation summer internship program is designed to help accomplish our mission of making disciples and equipping those who do. It creates an intentional, practical, and applied ministry track for individuals exploring the option of vocational ministry and/or missions.

If you are interested in this opportunity, scan this with your phone camera.



SSBCKIDS 101

-- MARCH 7, 11:30 A.M. --

Join us in KidCove for a fun conversation where both parents and children will be provided with resources to grow and be discipled in their relationship with Jesus! Any child interested in being baptized, or asking questions about God and salvation, is encouraged to come to this class.

To RSVP: bit.ly/37efxpf



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Before and After

Gary Lee Webber
February 28, 2021

Even the most basic reading of the Gospels tells us that Jesus was loved by sinners and repeatedly challenged and questioned by the religious people of His day. In fact, Jesus' harshest words were not directed towards people far from God, but rather to those who claimed to be the closest. Then why does it seem like the church caters to the religious and resists the "sinners" of our day? Why do sinners often resist the church and Jesus' followers if Jesus was such a friend to sinners? Join us for part one of **Jesus, Friend of Sinners**, where we will take a before and after look at a sinner who resisted and then ran toward Jesus.

Passage (read it):

Luke 5:1-11 and John 21:1-11

Principles (know them):

_____ draws people to God; _____ warns them to keep their distance.

- Similarities:
- Differences:

Practices (do them):

People who are far from God: _____ Jesus, the friend of sinners.

People who are near to God: _____ Jesus, the friend of sinners.

Questions to Consider:

1. Is your response to Jesus more like Peter in Luke 5 or John 21?
2. Does your sin drive you toward Jesus or away from Him?
3. Jesus followers: Are you living your faith in such a way that it attracts sinners to Jesus or are you pushing them away?



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Jesus: Friend Of Sinners

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32



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bookmark in your
daily reading.

Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

Southside's small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find yours!

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. This week we are beginning a new sermon series from the Gospel of Luke called, *Jesus, Friend of Sinners*. That name comes from a derogatory comment made about Jesus by religious leaders (*see Matthew 11:16-18*). What do you think those religious leaders meant when they said this about Jesus? How does that name make you feel about Jesus today?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

There are many powerful examples of Jesus proving Himself to be a “friend of sinners,” but perhaps none more iconic than the encounter He had with an adulterous woman in John 8.

2. Read John 8:2-6.

- What was Jesus doing when the scribes and Pharisees interrupted Him? What was Jesus' response?
- What specific question did they ask Jesus regarding the woman they brought before Him? Why did they ask this?
- What standard should we use to define sin? What standard were the Pharisees using? What was wrong with their approach? Would this woman have considered these scribes and Pharisees her friends? Why or why not?

3. Read John 8:7-9.

- How did Jesus respond to their question? What makes His response so brilliant?
- Did Jesus deny the woman’s sinful behavior or try to excuse it in any way? Why is that important?
- How did the religious leaders respond to Jesus’ words? Why do you think the older scribes and Pharisees left first?
- Has there ever been a time when you were sitting in judgment of someone else’s behavior when you knew that you had been guilty of the same thing at some point in your past? How did it affect your response to the offending party?

4. Read John 8:10-11.

- What was Jesus’ response to the woman? Is there any significance to the timing of His response to her?
- Why didn’t Jesus condemn the woman of the sin she had obviously committed?
- What is the significance of Jesus’ final direction to the woman?
- How did Jesus’ response to this woman earn Him the title, “Jesus, friend of sinners”?
- Would anyone call our church a friend of sinners? Would anyone call our group/family friends of sinners? Would anyone call you a friend of sinners? Why or why not?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

5. How has Jesus proven Himself to be your friend in the middle of your sin? Has there ever been a point when your sin drove you away from God? Has there been a time when your sin is what drew you closer to Jesus? Talk about it, invite accountability and pray together.

Daily Readings:

This week’s readings come from Romans 1-8 where Paul describes sin, its effects on us, and God’s response to it. As you read these passages, how do they align with Luke’s descriptions of Jesus’ response to sinners?

- Day 1: Romans 1
- Day 2: Romans 2
- Day 3: Romans 3
- Day 4: Romans 4 and 5
- Day 5: Romans 6
- Day 6: Romans 7
- Day 7: Romans 8

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Suggested Resources:

Books:

Crazy Love, by Francis Chan
Reunion, by Bruzy Cavey
You Lost Me, by David Kinnaman

Other sermon series at ssbc.org

Go Fish! (2020)
Losing my Religion (2020)
30 Words (2018)

Let's Connect!

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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MEMBERS: Text CONNECT to 904-441-8650 to let us know you're with us today.

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