

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!

DISCOVERING SOUTHSIDE -- MARCH 28, 9:15 A.M. --

Looking for a new church can be difficult. We have created an environment for people wanting to know more about Southside – who we are, what we believe and how we work. This no-pressure introduction to Southside is intended to help you in your process of finding a church that is right for you.

VIP TRAINING -- MARCH 20, 11:00 A.M. --

Interested in our new guest services team? Join us for this special training on Saturday, March 20. Email Darren@ssbc.org for more information. ***NOTE new time!**

WEE PRAISE IN THE PARK -- MARCH 27, 10:30 A.M. --

Join us in Balis Park for high-energy praise music, bubbles, fun activities, and a short devotion. *Wee Praise* is geared toward Pre-K children and families, but all are welcome! We'll gather together on the fourth Saturday of each month. Email Margaret@ssbc.org for more information.

New Sunday Morning Schedule begins next Sunday!



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With Friends Like These Gary Lee Webber March 14, 2021

If Jesus was a friend of sinners, then it stands to reason that people who follow Jesus should be friends of sinners, too. But how, exactly do we do that? Join us for part three of *Jesus, Friend of Sinners* as we see how four of Jesus' earliest followers modeled the kind of friendship that can change sinner into saints.

Passage (read it):

Luke 5:17-26

Principles (know them):

Friends of sinners ...

- genuinely _____.
- take _____.
- overcome _____.
- demonstrate _____.
- _____ with the _____.

Practices (do them):

Answer these questions:

1. Who's act of faith led you to Jesus?
2. Who do you know that is suffering and far from God?
3. How might God use your faith to bring that person to Jesus?

Pray: Ask God to break your heart for someone who needs Him.

Prepare:

1. Read *Reunion* by Bruxy Cavey
2. Attend **Sharing the Gospel in 30 Words**, beginning this Wednesday, from 6:30-7:45 p.m.



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Jesus: Friend Of Sinners

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



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. Has anyone ever shared their personal faith story with you? Has anyone ever tried to “convert” you to their religion? What happened? How did you feel?

2. According to George Barna, when Christians were asked in 1993 to react to the statement, “Every Christian has a responsibility to share their faith,” nine out of 10 Christians who had shared their faith agreed (89%). Today, only two-thirds agree (64%) — a 25-point drop. What do you think? Are all Christians responsible for sharing their faith? Why or why not?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

3. Read John 1:35-42.

- What prompted these two disciples of John to begin following Jesus?
- What did Jesus ask them? Why do you think He asked them this question?
- If someone asked you why you are following Jesus (assuming you do), what would you say?
- According to this passage, what was the first thing Andrew did after beginning to follow Jesus?

4. Read John 1:43-46.

- According to these verses, what was the first thing Philip did after meeting Jesus?
- New Christians tend to be more active in sharing the Gospel. Does this surprise you? Why do you think this is?
- What does Nathanael’s response to Philip indicate? How did Philip respond?
- What is a good response to a skeptic of the Gospel today?

5. Read John 1:47-51.

- Did Nathanael’s encounter with Jesus change his mind? How do you know?
- How has your experience with Jesus changed you?
- What can we learn from Philip about leading people to follow Jesus?

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

6. For whom are you currently praying to come to faith in Jesus? How are you actively inviting them to come and see? Talk about it, invite accountability and pray together.

Daily Readings:

This week’s daily readings focus on how Jesus’ earliest followers shared their faith. As you read each passage, pay special attention to how the disciples told others about Jesus and salvation. How is this the same or different from your idea of sharing your faith?

- Day 1: John 1**
- Day 2: Matthew 28**
- Day 3: Acts 1 & 2**
- Day 4: Acts 3-4**
- Day 5: Acts 8**
- Day 6: Acts 10**
- Day 7: Acts 16**

← *tear here to use as a bookmark in your daily reading.*

Suggested Resources:

Books:

Reunion, by Bruxy Cavey

The End of Religion, by Bruxy Cavey

Other sermon series at ssbc.org

Go Fish! (2020)

Losing My Religion (2020)

30 Words (2018)

Let's Connect!

Sunday, March 14, 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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I would like more information about:
