



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: MARK 9:38-41

INSIDER/OUTSIDER... WHO CARES?

INTRODUCTION

- A. Last week, the disciples could not cast out a demon, then they talk about who is the greatest _____
- B. Jesus, “Whoever welcomes those considered the least, welcomes Me _____
- C. John and the disciples prevented a man from benefiting the Kingdom because he was an outsider _____
 1. Remember, the disciples could not cast out a demon and this man was doing it
 2. Jesus had just spoke about a ministry of welcoming
- D. Why do we sometimes not appreciate what a person can do because of who the person is not? _____

HE / SHE IS NOT ONE OF US – AN OUTSIDER

- A. The Insider/Outsider Game _____
- B. Twice, John said, He is not one of us” _____
- C. How much time do we spend with people who are not like us? Honestly? _____
- D. Misunderstanding of scriptures:
 1. **2 Corinthians 6:17**, ¹⁷ Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”
 2. “The Bible says that we are in the world, but not of the world” No, it does not...
 3. **1 Corinthians 5:9, 10**, ⁹ I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. ¹⁰ Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.
- E. What did Jesus do? _____
 1. **Matthew 9:10-13**, ¹⁰ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”
 2. **Luke 7:34**, ³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber [drunkard], a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’
 3. **Luke 7:36-39**, ³⁶ Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat. ³⁷ And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, ³⁸ and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”

WHO CARES?

- A. If he is working miracles in My name... _____
- B. Whoever is not against us is on our side _____

THE GREATER PROBLEM

- A. John and the disciples prevented the man from fulfilling his (successful) ministry and benefiting the Kingdom of God _____
- B. Did the man stop casting out demons and never cast out another demon again? _____
- C. Consequently, how many people remained in bondage to demons? _____
- D. How many other people did John and the disciples prevent from fulfilling their ministries? _____
- E. Who made John and the disciples the gatekeepers for who should be in ministry? _____
- F. Lest we be too hard on the disciples... _____