

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT MATTERS? | BEFRIENDING THE OUTSIDER  
SEPTEMBER 28/29

## FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Describe a time(s) when you felt like an outsider. What did you learn from that experience?

## DIGGING IN

1. Read James 2:1-9. Verses 8-9 give the summary of the teaching. In your own words, summarize what Jesus' brother, James, taught.
2. Who were the outsiders Jesus embraced and how? As a group, read the following:
  - Matthew 9:9-11
  - John 8:3-11
  - Matthew 8:1-3
  - Luke 4:18
  - John 4:7-10, 27
  - Matthew 19:13-14
  - Luke 23:39-43
3. Read Luke 6:31-36. Here Jesus gives us what is called the Golden Rule. What is it, why is it important (vs 35-36) and why is it hard to do?

## BRINGING IT HOME

1. Can you think of any other outsiders that weren't mentioned this weekend?
2. Where does your thinking and behavior need to align more with Jesus when it comes to outsiders?
3. Who in your life needs to be surprised by God's kindness expressed through you?
4. What would be a loving first step?

# MESSAGE NOTES

MESSAGE SERIES:

TITLE:

SCRIPTURE:

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Bri Morrison at [bmorrison@doorcreekchurch.org](mailto:bmorrison@doorcreekchurch.org).