

1. Can you remember a time when you felt like an outsider or overlooked? How did that experience impact you?

2. Read **Matthew 9:9-13**

Why do you think Jesus chose Matthew, a tax collector, as one of His disciples? How does Jesus' response to the Pharisees challenge the way we view "insiders" and "outsiders" in our own lives?

Who are the "tax collectors and sinners" in our world today? How can we intentionally reach out to them?

3. Read **Matthew 8:1-3**

Why is it significant that Jesus touched the leper before healing him? What does this reveal about Jesus' heart for the outcasts?

Who might feel "untouchable" in our community, and how can we show them love and acceptance?

4. Read **Matthew 15:21-28**

What stands out to you about the Canaanite woman's faith? How does Jesus' interaction with her expand our understanding of who belongs in God's kingdom? Have you ever been surprised by someone's faith, especially someone you didn't expect?

5. Is there a part of your past or present that makes you feel like an outcast? How does what you learned in Matthew change your perspective on how Jesus sees you?

6. Are there people or groups you tend to overlook or avoid? Why is that, and how might Jesus be challenging you to see them differently? Who is one person in your life that needs to be seen, welcomed, or loved? What's one practical step you can take this week to reach out to them?

7. How can our LIFE group and our church become more welcoming to those who feel like outsiders?

Sign-up for the New Testament Challenge at [www.nbchurchcf.org](http://www.nbchurchcf.org).



CURRENT SERIES



NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org!](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)

MESSAGE SERIES

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:**  
The New Testament Challenge  
*God's Heart for the Outcast*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
The New Testament Challenge  
*Jesus Wants Everyone In*

WORSHIP ORDER

IN THE SECRET

WELCOME

GREETING

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)

BETTER IS ONE DAY

MESSAGE

THE STAND

SEND OFF AND PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

**SUNDAYS**

Young Adults Class  
Room 203

The Gospel According to John Study  
Room 201 | 9:15am

**WEDNESDAYS – 6pm**  
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)  
Kidstown (Age 4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**THURSDAYS**

7:00PM  
Men's Bible Study

**VARIOUS DAYS**  
LIFE Groups  
Real-Life Discipleship

NEXT STEPS

Starting Point Lunch  
Sunday, March 16!

GET CONNECTED

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# UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

## WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and down-load the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

## CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

## SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

**PRAYER CHAIN** - Please contact Marcia Peters at [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org) if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org) or if you don't email, [www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/](http://www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/).

## CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org).

## NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES

Available at the Children's Check-In Desk for anyone desiring to use them during service for sensory reasons.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS

CM is looking for someone to cover the baby room the first Sunday of each month and a partner who wants to teach preschoolers on the third Sunday of each month. If interested, please see Kellie Sturm.

## MEALS NEEDED

Olivia and Ross Anglin just had a new baby and will need meals for the next month. Sign up at [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com). Name and password is Anglin.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### PRAYER & SHARE - 6:30-7:30

Join us in the Overflow Room for prayer and Scripture discussion based on our readings in the New Testament Challenge.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

First Saturday of each month from 9am-10am in the Café.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 8, 8:00.**

Sign up at the Connection Wall in the foyer.

## STARTING POINT

If you're new to Northampton, please plan to attend our next lunch on **Sunday, March 16, 12:30pm** to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it! Please sign up in the app or at [nbchurchcf.org](http://nbchurchcf.org). Deadline to do so is **March 9!**

# MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

*"Now when he heard this, he said, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

**Matthew 9:12-13**

**Who are the outcasts in your life? How *have* you responded to them?**

**Jesus and outcasts...**

1. Jesus calls the \_\_\_\_\_

*Have you've believed the lie that you have to clean yourself up before following Jesus?*

2. Jesus touches the \_\_\_\_\_

*Do you feel like there's something about you that makes you "too far gone" for Jesus?*

3. Jesus lifts up the \_\_\_\_\_

*Are there barriers in your own heart that keep you from seeing people the way Jesus does?*

**How *does* Jesus want you to respond to the outcasts in your life?**