



#3 "What Happens Here  
Doesn't Stay Here"  
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Jesus' entire adult life was characterized by a deep concern for the spiritual condition of the nonbeliever. He saw them as desperately lost, and His heart was broken because of that. His compassionate purpose for their well-being was deep-rooted, and He showed this concern specifically in the way He met them where they lived, fed them, taught them, and healed them.

1. FOR DISCUSSION: What types of attitudes and behaviours have you seen or experienced by church people in your life, or towards the lives of unbelievers and sinners in society? Have you seen anger, condemnation, rejection, or acceptance?
2. READ Matthew 25:35-40
  - a. How would you characterise Jesus' attitude in these verses?
  - b. What do you think the words "one of the least of these" means in verse 40?
  - c. Who are these people in today's world?
3. READ Matthew 9:10-13
  - a. What word does Jesus use here to describe non-believers?
  - b. Sometimes we can be angry at the actions of unbelievers. How can a shift in attitude to see them the way Jesus saw them, help us be more willing reach out to them?
  - c. What do you think verse 13 means in the light of reaching out to non-believers?
4. READ Galatians 4:5-6
  - a. In the first part of verse 5(NIV), how are we told to be towards "outsiders"?
  - b. Why do you think we need wisdom in reaching unbelievers?
  - c. Reflect on this statement "the reputation of the gospel depends on you". What do you think this means? Can you think of any examples where the reputation of the gospel is being damaged by people's attitudes and actions?
5. READ 1 Peter 3:8
  - a. What command are we given when we suffer for our faith?
6. READ 1 Peter 3:9
  - a. What instructions are we given here?
  - b. What are we to give in return for insults?
  - c. What do you think would happen in our society if Christians began to behave in this manner?

7. READ Galatians 4:5b
  - a. What do you think it means to "make use of every opportunity"?
  - b. What would have to change in us for this to become a reality?
8. READ Ephesians 5:15-17 for more instructions.
9. READ Galatians 4:6
  - a. What does it mean to you to "speak with grace"?
  - b. How is this type of speech a contrast to much of the language we hear today?
10. READ Matthew 5:13
  - a. Jesus says we are the salt of the world. What happens when salt is tasteless (lost its saltiness)?
  - b. What happens to our witness if we are tasteless?
  - c. As well as adding flavour to food, what else does salt do?
11. READ Ephesians 4:29
  - a. What do you think "building up others according to *their* needs" means?
  - b. How can we find out what the needs are in other people's lives?
12. READ Galatians 4:6 again. READ 1 Peter 3:15
  - a. How can we know how to answer every one?
  - b. What are some of the key words that stand out to you in this verse? What do you think of the phrase, "everyone who asks you?"

Considering what we have studied today what is one action you could take or attitude you could change that would bring your life more in line with today's teaching?

Are you ready to share your faith or do you need more information? If you need more information what would that be and where could you get it?

We are now ready to move into the second half of our series. These next three messages are perfect for your family and friends to hear about true Christianity and how it is to be lived out in daily life. Please prayerfully consider using the NINE RISKY WORDS this week.....Would you like to come to church with me?

#### GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:

NOTE: Our next community concert series is Wednesday November 30, 7 p.m. with the world famous **Ennis Sisters**. This is their national Christmas tour. Experience a night of heart warming down home folk music from Eastern Canada. Tickets are \$25 cash sales only, and some of the proceeds are in support of the Out Of The Cold food program in downtown Sudbury. Tickets can be purchased at Long and McQuade Music Store (formerly Prom Music) or at the Giving Centre in the Courtyard Café or in the church office.