



SBSG – Breaking the Mold: A Gospel for the Unseen

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through grace filled relationships.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Sermon Series: Breaking the Mold: A Gospel for the Unseen

Opening question: Who would you consider are the unseen? Have you ever felt unseen?

Sermon Synopsis: In these two stories from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus encounters two women who needed healing. In first century, Mediterranean culture if a woman was sick in some way you were considered unclean and shunned by people. This would mean that these women would have no way to earn an income or be included in society. They would have been unseen. Today we have those who are part of our community who would be considered unseen. What might it look like to love these unseen like Jesus?

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Passage(s) from the sermon: Luke 8:43-48 & Luke 13:10-17(CEB)

Is there a word or phrase that stood out to you?

What are the similarities and what are the differences in these two stories?

Discipleship Point: To love like Jesus is to “see” those who our society prefers not to see.

Application: This week consider going out of your way to help someone feel seen. Discuss with your small group what this might look like for you.

Personal Prayer Request

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about **your life**, not someone else's.

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request, and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**