

RENOVATE: THIS YEAR I MEAN IT
Week 3: Seeing People Differently

INTRODUCTION

- A. How do you see the people around you? Do you allow the label they have been given to affect how you see and respond to them?
- B. “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39).
- C. If we are going to be the people God has called us to be, we are going to have to learn to see beyond the labels of others.

THE SINFUL WOMAN (Luke 7:36-38)

- A. We are introduced to a well-known woman of the city who is a sinner.
- B. This sinful woman shows up uninvited to a dinner party of the religious.
- C. This sinful woman expresses sincere love, gratitude and worship at the feet of Jesus.
- D. This sinful woman had the courage to interrupt this dinner party knowing others there knew who she was and what she has done.

THE SINFUL MAN (Luke 7:39-50)

- A. Simon doubts who Jesus is because He is allowing this sinful woman to touch Him (v. 39).
- B. Simon thought he was better than this sinful woman (v. 39).
- C. Simon only saw the woman for what she had done (v. 44).
- D. Simon didn’t welcome Jesus with the proper treatment (vs. 44-46).

SEEING OTHERS DIFFERENTLY

- A. We need to remember Jesus came to live and die for all people, not just the religious (LK. 5:29-30).
- B. We can’t allow the sins of others to define how we see them.
- C. We need to understand our sins are just as sinful in the eyes of God (Mk. 7:6-7; Tit. 1:16).
- D. We must see our need for Jesus.

CONCLUSION

- A. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12).
- B. “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear” (Martin Luther King Jr).
- C. May we all learn to see people the same way Jesus saw people; through eyes of love.