

**Big Idea:** Jesus eagerly ministers to the \_\_\_\_\_, with grace and truth, that they might become worshippers of God. This is the cornerstone of our own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus goes to those that the majority would abandon or \_\_\_\_\_.

- It is natural for us to want to help those who we see as valuable, marginally good, and deserving of our resources. (Luke 6:32-34)
  - The very nature of God is to seek out those on the fringes, even enemies, and show them great \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 6:35-36)
  - Jesus offered \_\_\_\_\_ to those others despised; Including those who were evil or caused their own suffering.
    - A demon possessed man (Mark 5:1-20)
    - A sinful woman (Luke 7:36-50)
    - Oppressive Roman officers (Luke 7:1-10)
    - Adulterers (John 8:2-11)
    - Tax collectors and sinners (Matthew 9:9-13)
- Jesus was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Truth: Filled with wisdom, discernment, and righteousness.
    - Jesus called sinners to repentance and warned of the reality of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Grace: Filled with the gift of reconciliation; the kindness of God.
    - While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Whether or not a person deserves grace is not the point. The point is that God deserves the \_\_\_\_\_ of all people.

- **Our own hope:** We were the outcasts. *We cannot truly celebrate the grace we received, while simultaneously withholding it from others.*
- **Our own mission:** We are called to do for others, what Christ has done for us. (1 John 2:6) *This is about God's plan to redeem the world.*



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**Selected reading from Acts 2:** <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd...Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him...<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## Prayer Focus

Email your requests to  
[prayer@agapepinson.com](mailto:prayer@agapepinson.com)

From **Luke 24:45** "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures..."

*Let's ask the Lord to open our minds to understand the Scriptures, that we may know him more and know how to love God well in our lives.*

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## Upcoming Events

Email [info@agapepinson.com](mailto:info@agapepinson.com) for more details.

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Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> – **GROW Classes** @6:30pm  
Discipleship classes for Men, Women, Youth, and Kids. Please join us!

Sat April 13<sup>th</sup> – **Church Work Day** from 9am to 12n. See David for details.

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> – **Easter Sunday Breakfast** @10:00am  
Breakfast will be provided by the Agape Hospitality team. Our service will follow at the normal time. Please consider who you can invite!

We are receiving the **2019 Spring Offering from Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
All funds will go to maintenance and improvements on our building and property. Please pray about your participation.

## Gospel Community Groups

Email [GC@agapepinson.com](mailto:GC@agapepinson.com) for directions or more details.

**Trussville GC (Cleveland):** April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**Pinson GC (Ledbetter):** TBA

**Pinson GC (Dean):** April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Blount County GC:** April 12<sup>th</sup> (Pounder) and 24<sup>th</sup> (Talley) at 6:30pm



**Sermon: The Outcast - Jesus Series #40**  
John 9:28-39 || David McConnell

[Jesus] saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him...He anointed the man's eyes with the mud<sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"...So he went and washed and came back seeing..."<sup>24</sup> [The Pharisees] called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."<sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>...God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him."<sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."