

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

4. Our “verse to remember” for this week was **Romans 5:7-8**. Read that verse again this week and describe how this passage changes the way you view your value as a human being. How does it challenge the way you view others?

5. Is there a person or a group of people that you tend to look down on, treat as “less than”, or maintain a bad attitude toward? What causes you to respond to that person or group the way you do?

6. When Jesus came into the world, he elevated the dignity of every individual! What is one thing you can do this week to begin to treat that person or group with dignity?

7. Take some time to read some of the stories listed during the talk. What might God be asking you to do with this message?

## MESSAGE NOTES

### Summer Soundtrack // Week 2

**Why did Jesus come to earth?**

**1. One of the easiest ways to feel better about ourselves is to label someone else as \_\_\_\_\_.**

*So the Word became human and made his home among us. **John 1:14a***

**2. When Jesus came into the world, he elevated the \_\_\_\_\_ of every \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Examples:**

<b>Luke 10:25-37</b>	<b>(The Good Samaritan)</b>
<b>Luke Chapter 15</b>	<b>(The Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son)</b>
<b>Matthew 5:3-12</b>	<b>(Sermon on the Mount)</b>
<b>Luke 21:1-4</b>	<b>(The Widow's Mite)</b>
<b>John 4:1-30</b>	<b>(The Woman at the Well)</b>
<b>Luke 7:1-10</b>	<b>(Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant)</b>
<b>Luke 19:1-10</b>	<b>(Story of Zacchaeus)</b>
<b>Matthew 9:9-13</b>	<b>(Calling of Matthew)</b>
<b>Matthew 19:13-15</b>	<b>(Jesus Blesses Children)</b>
<b>Mark 1:29-31</b>	<b>(Jesus heals a Mother-in-law)</b>
<b>Luke 23:32-43</b>	<b>(Jesus Forgives a Convict)</b>
<b>Luke 7:36-50</b>	<b>(Jesus Anointed with Oil)</b>



## MESSAGE NOTES *(continued)*

3. The cross of Jesus declares everyone \_\_\_\_\_!

### VERSE TO REMEMBER:

*When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us **while we were still sinners.***

**Romans 5:6-8**

### BOTTOM LINE:

Every person you meet is someone who \_\_\_\_\_!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our groups are taking a break for the summer. Use these questions for personal study and reflection during the summer season, and our groups will launch again in the fall!

### INTRODUCTION

We've all been made to feel inferior for one reason or another. It's dehumanizing. In all likelihood, we've probably done that same thing to others. It's such a strange thing. It's such a human thing. One of the easiest ways to feel better about ourselves is to label someone else as inferior. We've probably all been guilty of that inwardly or outwardly.

One of the reasons Jesus came into the world was to change all that!

1. Think about the people you hung out with in high school. How did your association with that group benefit you? How did it influence the way you treated others?

2. In what ways do adults label people? How does this impulse to attach labels to other human beings shape our culture?

3. During the message, Jeremiah said, "*The Christian community should be the most non-discriminatory, it-doesn't-matter-to-us-who-you-are group of people on the planet!*" What are some of the obstacles to the church living up to that calling? What is at stake if we don't? What does it look like for you personally to live out that calling?

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." *James 1:22*

