



## STUDY GUIDE

March 16-17, 2019



**Series Overview:** Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p><b>"Hurting, Needing Healing"</b></p> <p>The sermon is up on the <a href="http://spac.ca/watch">spac.ca/watch</a> website Tuesday of each week.</p>	<p>The first part of the narrative in this weekend's text is the Transfiguration. But that's only the set up to what happens next. Jesus and his most intimate disciples, return to the bottom of the hill to find a small crowd arguing with the disciples left behind, the issue being their failure to heal a boy inflicted with an ungodly spirit.</p> <p>This is a classic, historical, biblical example of what it is people are often looking for when they pursue Christ, His followers, or show up in and around His church – Healing and wholeness. This is the condition so many members of our community are in – to a certain extend WE ALL ARE IN. We're broken, we're messed up, we're sinful, we're confused. So we look to Jesus. And in seeking Jesus, people often run into US first.</p>

Engage
<p>Scripture: Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-29; Luke 9:28-36</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say?</li> <li>2. Consider this quote: <i>"More people are coming to Christ today because they know they are broken in need have a healer, than because they sense they are a sinner in need of a Savior."</i> Rob Reimer Agree? Beg to differ?</li> <li>3. There's a lot being written and discussed about the church losing its effectiveness in the last couple of decades because of the way in which Christians talk about and treat 'outsiders.' What feelings do you have about this issue?</li> <li>4. Read through Mark 9:2-29...talk about parts of the text you find confusing, encouraging, and frustrating.</li> <li>5. The term 'disappointment' gap was used in the message. Do you have any of your own experiences with being disappointed when you expected (or hoped) God would come through for you?</li> <li>6. Greg said "Effective ministry is always the byproduct of the pursuit of God." In what new ways are you pursuing God these days? What's the Spirit telling you about HOW you might pursue Him more?</li> <li>7. What's at the top of your prayer list right now? (Encourage the group to spend a significant portion of their meeting time praying for each other)</li> </ol>

Pray	Announce
<p>For a heart which welcomes Jesus' help with our own brokenness.            For courage to love people in their brokenness – bringing them to the feet of Jesus.            For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in our own community after this weekend's memorial services.            You can request prayer any time <a href="#">PRAYER REQUESTS</a>.</p>	<p>Senior's Supper – March 27            Boomers – March 29            Pizza with the Pastor: Seasoned Edition – April 4            Check out: <a href="http://www.spac.ca/events">www.spac.ca/events</a></p>
<p>We have a pastoral care team at SPAC to walk alongside people through life's challenges. Should anyone in your group experience significant illness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, (with their permission) please contact our church office: (780) 467-8404</p>	