



## Minister's Insights

### A Study Guide

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## Inclusiveness

**“The Kingdom of God is all-inclusive.”  
“A person cannot step out of his or her life to live with and for God. Rather, a person must step more deeply into what life entails to discover the faithful God present and active in one’s midst.”**

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God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to show us the way, the truth, and the life.  
Jesus has no boundaries to His claims on earth.  
Let us walk with Him on earth and remember what He said and did!

"What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do" (Jn 13:15).

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love...Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:9,12).

"I pray ... that all may be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us that the world may believe that you sent me ... so that your love for me may live in them, and I may live in them" (Jn 17:20,21,26).

"Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another God dwells in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us" (1 Jn 4:11-12).

Examples:

1. Jesus' healing of and relationships with the Jewish "unclean":

Paralytic at Caparnaum: Mt 9:1-8

Dead girl and woman with a hemorrhage:

Mt 9:18-31, Mk 5:21-43, Lk 8:40-56

Possessed mute: Mt 9:32-34

Man with a shriveled hand: Mt 12:9-15, Mk 3:1-6

Two blind men at Jericho: Mt 20:29-34

Dinner at the home of Simon the leper: Mt 26:6

Leper: Mk 1:40-45

Blind man at Bethsaida: Mk 8:22-26

Possessed boy: Mk 9:14-29, Lk 9:37-43

Blind Bartimaeus: Mk 10:46-52

A demoniac: Lk 4:33-37

Paralyzed Man: Lk 5:17-26

The raising of the son of the widow of Naim:  
Lk 7:11-17

The “immoral” penitent woman who anointed his feet: Lk 7:36-50

The Gerasene demoniac: Lk 8:26-39

Possessed woman: Lk 13:10-17

Man with dropsy: Lk 14:1-6

Prodigal son: Lk 15:11-32

Zacchaeus, the tax collector: Lk 19: 1-10

Paralytic at Bethesda: Jn 5:1-15

The adulteress: Jn 7:53-8:11

The man born blind: Jn 9:1-41

The raising of Lazarus: Jn 11:1-44

2. Jesus' healing of and relationships with non-Jewish "outsiders":

The Canaanite woman: Mt 15:21-28

The centurion's son: Lk 7:1-10

The Samaritan woman: Jn 4:4-42

Royal Official: Jn 4:46-54

Peter and Cornelius: Acts 10:1-48, esp. 34-36

Call of the Gentiles: Acts 11:1-18

### Francis' Insight

"Francis' highest intention, his chief desire, his uppermost purpose was to observe the holy Gospel in all things and through all things and, with perfect vigilance, with all zeal, with all the longing of his mind and all the fervor of his heart, 'to follow the teaching and the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ.'" (1 Celano, 84)

"Indeed, [Francis] was always occupied with Jesus; Jesus he bore in his heart, Jesus in his mouth, Jesus in his ears, Jesus in his eyes, Jesus in his hands, Jesus in the rest of his members." (1 Celano, 115)

### Clare's Insight

"Gaze upon [Christ], consider [Christ], contemplate [Christ], as you desire to imitate [Christ]" (St. Clare, Letter II, 20).

And so my dearest brothers and sisters, can we afford to do any less!

***We must embrace all, and include all, so that the Kingdom of God will prevail in all!***