

MC STUDY GUIDE

For the week of April 25, 2021

Sermon Series: FILLED

Series Description: Exploring the motivations and characteristics of a disciple of Jesus Christ

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2; Ephesians 1:4-5

Sermon Title: Included Outsiders

1) Take a minute to share your highs and lows of your week.

Summary: By God's grace, he has *CHOSEN* us to be *EXILES* in this world. Because we are *CHOSEN*, we are personally known by God, not expected to have life figured out, and not required to earn our salvation. As *EXILES*, we begin to see that nothing in this life on this earth can truly satisfy us. As a result, we gradually let the Father define us, let the Spirit change us, and let the blood of the Son wash us clean.

2) Ever since Adam and Eve first took bites of the forbidden fruit, human beings have made a never-ending attempt to find something in the world to satisfy the deepest longings of their hearts. What are some of the ways most humans seek to find this satisfaction and what is one way YOU do it?

3) Pastor Scott said: "Even though God has infinite time and infinite wisdom and infinite power, he still made you exactly the way you are." What does this say about our personal identity and outlook on life?

4) The call of the disciple of Jesus is to live as a *chosen exile* in this world. How does the life of Jesus help us to not only understand this reality but actually live it out?

5) Which of the three realities Pastor Scott talked about (*personally known; not having to hold it all together; not having to earn our salvation*) helps you understand **election** the most?

6) Pastor Scott also talked about three ways in which we can receive everything God has given us for life and godliness:

- *Letting the Father define us (We are loved by God not because of our record but because of His grace)*
- *Letting the Spirit change us (He is making us more and more into the image of the Son)*
- *Letting the blood of the Son cover us (We are washed completely clean of our sins)*

→Which of these is the hardest for you to receive and allow to work in your life?

7) How do you think your life would be different if you fully embraced your identity as a *chosen exile*?