

## The Gospel Is For The Hurting and Unhurting

Intro: Last week, we began our discussion of those who “need” Jesus Christ. Whether rich or poor, righteous or unrighteous, extra-intelligent or average, the salvation offered through Jesus Christ does not discriminate. Most people believe the “hurting folks may need something to lean on”. “Not hurting” doesn’t mean the Gospel is not for you.

### 1. The Hurting and/or the Downtrodden

- A. Remember Luke 4:18 – Jesus to bring the relief.
- B. A woman with an out-of-control life – John 4:1-42
- C. At least temporarily hurting – John 4:46-54
- D. A man unable to walk – John 5:1-15
- E. An outcast leper – Luke 17:11
- F. A Needy Multitude – John 6:22-40
- G. John 6:17 – To the multitude, Jesus said you need more than an immediate fix.

### 2. The Unhurting

- A. “OK folks” are not presented as not having a need for “religion”.
  - 1. A Great Ruler and Teacher – John 3
  - 2. A Governor and His Wife – Acts 24:10-27
  - 3. A Regional King – Acts 26
  - 4. An Influential Magician – Acts 8
- B. Some “OK” folks saw their need and responded with gratitude.
  - 1. A leader of a synagogue – Acts 18:8
  - 2. A Business Woman – Acts 16:11-15
  - 3. A “Chief Tax Collector” – Luke 19:1-10

### 3. The Magnificence of the Gospel

- A. Poor: You can have the riches – Rich: The true riches are available.
- B. Unrighteous: God is ready to forgive – Righteous: You can be grateful.
- C. Extra-Intelligent Folks: Get over yourself –  
Average folks: Smart folks share your need.
- D. Hurting: The pain that needs removed can be relieved.
- E. Unhurting: No amount of goodness, wealth, or psychological health can substitute your need for repair.

Conclusion: The Gospel is not for any select group of people. All of us sin, therefore all of us need to enjoy the benefits that come through Jesus the Christ. The Gospel isn’t some form of therapy suited to someone’s special neuroses. It is for all