



## GOING DEEPER

Feb 1/2, 2020

**Title:** Discovering the Genius of Jesus Series – Week 1 “Everyone Welcome”

**Teacher:** Pastor Scott

**Selected Texts:** Acts 2:21; Romans 1:16; Acts 10:34-35; John 3:16; Romans 3:22-24

This week’s message focuses on the images we try to live up to and form our identity around. Instead of clinging to the image of God in us, how easy it is to fall into searching for the next best thing, leaving us unsatisfied, disappointed longing for acceptance.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Share a story of when you owned, received or sold an item that was far more or far less valuable than originally thought. Why was it so valuable to you?
2. What stood out from Scott’s message this past weekend?
3. Have someone read the story of Peter and Cornelius in **Acts 10:1–8; 10-43**. How Peter thought the message of Jesus was only for Jews but came to realize it was for everyone. What stands out to you in this story? Why?
4. Like Peter, are there any people in your life, workplace, school, neighbourhood that perhaps you felt were somehow excluded from God’s love? Or needed to arrive at a certain level to be welcomed?
5. Scott stated that the only sign we should have at our church door is a welcome mat. Yet, at times churches can have figurative signs declaring something else. Does Trinity have any invisible signs on our doors?

6. Who is someone outside of your normal circles, that needs to experience the love of Jesus? Would you be willing to share that name with this group? What is one way you can practically and simply share God's love with them this week?

**Prayer:** As a group bring these names to God in prayer. Asking for courage, opportunity and an ability to love each person in an extraordinary way.

*"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that **everyone** who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17*

**Never Stop Praying:**

- For other Churches within our city
- For those struggling with anxiety, fear, depression, mental health