

# **Session 8:**

## **Jesus Liked Bad People**

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**Bible Study Based on**

**Leonard Sweet's *The Bad Habits of Jesus: Showing Us How to Live Right in a World Gone Wrong***

# **I. Introductions and Prayer**

**A. Leonard Sweet writes:**

**“Jesus had the bad habit of liking people who were not like others and whom others did not like...Jesus not only liked them, he**

**went out of his way to  
find them, just like he  
went out from his  
heavenly home to find  
us-to seek, to save, and  
to love us. *All of us.*” (p.  
103)**

# **II. The Ones God Has an Eye on and Works Through**

**A. Read Numbers 11:4–17,  
24–30. Does God just  
work through those who**

**came to the meeting?**

**What does this say about  
how God chooses to  
work?**

**B. Read Hosea 14. Who are  
the ones God chooses to  
look after? How do they**

**find the way that's open  
to them?**

**C. Read Jeremiah 3:11–18.**

**What is it that makes**

**Israel faithless? How**

**does God feel and think**

**about them? Is there a way home for them?**

**D. Many times in scripture, God declares God's concern for those who are immigrants, fatherless or widowed. In**

**the Old and New  
Testaments, these were  
the people who did not  
have rights in society, a  
legal voice in the courts,  
or someone looking after**



**them at home. What are those groups now?**

### **III. Jesus Cares for the Demon-Possessed**

**A. Read Luke 8:26–39.**

**What do you notice? What**

**are your questions? Are there words or phrases that resonate for you?**

**B. Where does Jesus find this demon-possessed person? Where does he normally live? How do the**

**townspeople feel about  
him?**

**C. How does Jesus change  
his life? With a word? A  
touch?**

**D. Why do you think Jesus  
“negotiates” with the  
demons?**

**E. How do the townsfolk  
find the man? What’s  
their reaction?**

**F. Normally, Jesus tells people not to tell other people about Him. What are Jesus' words to the man who has been healed? Why do you think**

**Jesus allows that this is different?**

**IV. Conclusions — Jesus specializes in making beauty from the trash of the world**

**“An aged Appalachian woman who lived all her life in the high hills and hollers of West Virginia taught her city granddaughter this formula for a good life:**

***Wash what is dirty.***

***Water what is dry.***

***Heal what is wounded.***

***Warm what is cold.***

***Guide what goes off the  
road.***



***Love people who are  
least lovable,  
because they need love  
the most.” Isn’t that what  
Jesus came to do? (p.  
108)***