

# FAITH

*changes everything*

## Faith Changes The Way I See Jesus

### GETTING STARTED

This week, we are exploring how our faith changes the way we view Jesus. To get started, talk about the following:

- In her sermon, Pastor Nicole talked about some of the famous debates that have shaped our world. What are some notable examples you can think of? (have fun with this!)
- How does your faith impact the way YOU see the world?
- This week for the 5-3-1 challenge, we want to encourage you to do two things:
  - Think about who you will invite to an event or bring to Easter worship...then start inviting people! Visit <https://www.stlukesumc.com/featured-events> to see a list of great events you can invite someone to.
  - Pray at noon every day this week. One of our St. Luke's small groups shared the idea of praying at noon daily for peace in Ukraine and in the world. Try it this week- set an alert on your phone, and pray at noon. You can also include praying for "your 5" in this time of prayer as well.



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## Matthew 9:27-31

*27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." 31 But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.*

**Opening Prayer:** God, help our faith impact the way we experience and live in the world. Make us more generous, loving people. Help us look for and give out your grace. Shape us to be more like you, because we know your love and hope. Amen.



## Sermon & Scripture Discussion

Read this weeks' Scripture together, then discuss:

- Throughout this series, we've explored the names that people give to Jesus- teacher, Lord, Son of David, etc. How people identify Jesus speaks to what they believe about him. What is a word or phrase that captures how you view Jesus?
- Pastor Nicole shared that our faith is often shaped by the witness of others. Whose witness has shaped your faith? Whose faith do you think you have shaped by your own witness?
- As we think about faith and prayer, Pastor Nicole posed an important question: does it really matter if we believe Jesus is able to do what we ask? Talk about this in your group, and consider what impact that belief (or lack of belief) has had in your life.
- How do you recognize when God is at work? How does your relationship with God change when you are on the lookout for what God is up to?
- Sharing our faith feels like a risk for many of us. What are the risks that you associate with sharing your faith? Have you ever pushed through those risks to share anyway?

## Prayer Requests

*"An encounter with Jesus transforms you from a receiver to a risk taker."*

*-Rev. Nicole Caldwell-Gross*