

Current Series
**“Through the Eyes
Of Jesus”**

February 28 to April 18

5. “Jerusalem as Jesus See the Chosen People”

Message Outline

1. Why such reluctance?

Why do so many people, whom God truly loves, refuse to come to Him in faith?

2. The way we see believers and non-believers

- Identified as a group of people with special status as opposed to those who are outsiders.
- Benefits are found in privileges and advantages rather than responsibilities to bless others.
- Determined by performance of certain prescribed rules and behaviours. (see Matthew 23:1-36)

3. The way Jesus sees “the beloved” (see Matthew 23:36-38)

- “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem”
- The Holy City of God’s dwelling place
- The Chosen People to bless all the nations of the world
- It’s all about relationship (covenant) not performance
- It’s all about being a blessing not about privilege

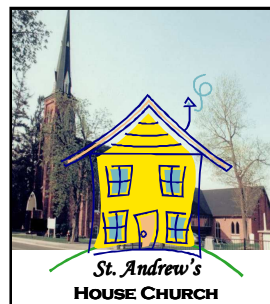
4. Why should we let Jesus embrace us

- A vivid image: a mother hen and her chicks
- Gathered under his wings
- Safe and secure in our relationship with God
- Blessed to be a blessing

TAKE HOMES (points to remember)

- Our identity and “the Beloved” is not determined by _____ or _____.
- Jesus wants to _____ “the Beloved” under his protective care.
- Our _____ and _____ comes from our relationship with God in Christ.

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION



We encourage you to discuss these issues during the coming week as a

- Study Guide for House Church
- Time of reflection individually or with members of your family

Warm-Up

What sometimes keeps you from coming to God in faith?

- Consider each of the seven woes that Jesus lists in Matthew 23:1-36 and describe how they might be barriers to a loving relationship with God?
- Why do we tend to create the categories of “we” and “them” when we identify people as God’s “beloved”?
- If we discount the “performance” aspect of what it means to be a Christian, how does that impact our relationship with God and our responsibility to live as authentic Christians?
- How can we more fully let Jesus “gather us under his wings” in a caring and protective embrace of love?