UNTOUCHABLES: ***YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT***

Week 4: Prejudice

November 21st

Two things every American is always aware of… GENDER & RACE

The problem with **PREJUDICE**:

inaccurate assumptions (stereotypes) based on fear and ignorance.

The results: we pause, we treat someone different even through they don't deserve it

- FILTER Alter thoughts & behavior because we should

vs.

- PREJUDICE Alter thoughts & behavior without reasonable cause

Touching the Untouchables

… How to keep from hurting others with your prejudice

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. Mark 1: 40-42

1. Adopt God's PERSPECTIVE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. Revelation 7:9

2. Monitor your THOUGHTS, FEELINGS and actions

An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city... Proverbs 18:19

3. Don't let COMFORT be your guide

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Galatians 1:10

4. Maximize your COMPASSION not your PITY

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out.... Mark 1:41

- REACH OUT, make the effort to get to know someone
- Watch your WORDS
- Learn to **TOLERATE, RESPECT,** and **CELEBRATE** differences