

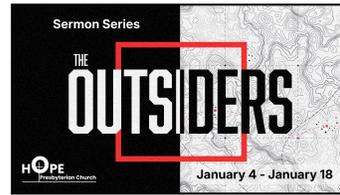
Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

January 11, 2026

“Naaman” - #2 in the series *The Outsiders*

Scripture Texts (CEB)

2 Kings 5:1-15, Luke 4:27



1. Consider this definition of *outsider*: *a person who does not belong to a particular group; someone thought to have little chance of success.*
 - Why do you think we are quick to identify someone as an outsider?
 - If you've ever felt like an outsider, what were the short and long-term effects of the experience?
2. **Read 2 Kings 5:1-8.**

These verses provide the context for who Naaman is, how his journey to Israel comes about, and how his arrival was received.

 - What does Naaman's response to the servant girl's suggestion about seeking healing tell you about how he viewed himself and his disease?
 - How do you explain the King of Israel's response upon receiving Naaman's letter of requesting healing and Elisha's intervention?
3. **Read 2 Kings 5: 9-12.**

The Prophet Elisha has intervened and offers the remedy for healing Naaman's skin disease..

 - What do we learn about Naaman from his response to Elisha's instructions for what he should do to be healed?
 - Why do we ask for God's guidance or instruction but then sometimes object when we receive it?
4. **Read 2 Kings 5: 13-15.**

Naaman changes his mind about following Elisha's instruction for healing.

 - Why do you think Naaman finally agrees to follow Elisha's remedy?
 - Even though Naaman remained an "outsider," why was it important that he acknowledged the God of Israel to Elisha before he returned to his home?
5. **Read Luke 4:27**

Centuries later, Jesus shares the story of Naaman while teaching in the synagogue.

 - Why did the story of Naaman anger those in the synagogue?
 - What are we to learn about human tendencies toward outsiders from this story about Naaman?
6. How can we pray for you?