

LUKE 17:11-19

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ICE BREAKER: As Thanksgiving approaches, what are you thankful for recently?

GROUP QUESTIONS:

(Read verses 12-13) Traveling between Samaria and Galilee, Jesus is met by ten leprosy men. **Leprosy** ravaged its victims with **ugly physical deformities** of diseased white skin, hollowed body cavities, and shrunken bodies. Worst off, lepers were **isolated** to keep them from infecting the rest of the community. Lepers were to be heard, but not seen.

Surprisingly, ten lepers **risked** public reprimand and embarrassment in seeking Jesus for help. The lepers demonstrated **great courage** in crying out to **Jesus to heal** their **ugly disease**.

1. What **ugly or unhealthy area** in your life requires **courage** for you to seek **Jesus' healing**?

(Read verse 14) Jesus did not just heal the ten lepers because he felt sorry for them. He did not simply heal them on the spot. Rather, he gave all of them a **command**. He commanded them to return to the priests to **officially confirm** their **healing** and reinstate them back into the community.

Notice, Jesus called the lepers to report to the priests, **while** they were **still diseased**—**before** they received their **healing**.

2. Why does Jesus often command us to **obey Him first before He answers** our requests?

(Read verses 14-15) The **good** news is all ten lepers are **miraculously healed**. The **bad** news is **only one** of the ten returns to thank Jesus. In their previous sad state of physical disease and separation from family and friends, the ten lepers were **desperate**. They would do anything to get Jesus' attention.

However, once healed, their joy was overwhelming. The lepers would have their families back, their friends back, their lives back. Jesus was somehow forgotten in the midst of their joy.

The sad truth is that the **ugliness of pain** and **suffering** makes us more aware of our need for the Lord, but **health** and **success** often cause us to **take Jesus for granted**, to feel as if **we need him less**.

3. How has **suffering** or **failure** ever **drawn you to the Lord**, or how has **health** or **success** drawn you **away from the Lord**?

(Read verses 15-19) **Upon** his **healing** from leprosy, the Samaritan knew he could return to his family and friends, to his wife and kids. He would be restored to his community, and his job. He would get back all that he had lost. Imagine the celebration awaiting him!

But before he would go back, this Samaritan returned to Jesus. He knew what is often forgotten. If you really want to go back as a healed person to your family and friends, you have to **first go back to Jesus**.

4. How does the **Samaritan's return** to Jesus, when **nine** others **forgot**, inspire you to **put Jesus first**?

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PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those in your group plan to share Jesus with this week or invite to Celebration.)
