

JESUS ENCOUNTERS THE TEN LEPERS

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Luke 17:11-19

“...the ten lepers....raised their voices and called, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. Jesus said to them, Go (at once) and show yourselves to the priests. As they went, they were healed and made clean. Then, one of them, seeing that he was cured, turned back, recognizing and thanking and praising God with a loud voice,...and he was a Samaritan (foreigner). Then, Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?...was there no one found to return and give thanks and praise to God except this alien?’ Jesus said to the Samaritan, ‘Your FAITH, trust and confidence that sprang from your belief in God has restored you to health.’”

SUMMARY:

- Ten men were healed by Jesus from leprosy but only one returned to thank Jesus.
- All ten men were the recipients of God’s healing power, but only one (a foreigner at that) returned to Jesus to show his gratitude.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Discussion:

- What was unusual about the behavior of the nine Jewish lepers after they were healed of their leprosy?
- Why did the Samaritan leper come back to Jesus to show his gratitude?
- How do you believe you would have reacted if you had been healed instantly of a serious terminal illness?
- Has anyone expressed gratitude to you unexpectedly? How did that make you feel?

APPLICATION:

- Have you shown proper gratitude to God for all the blessings you have received? If not, why not?
- Do you think you can improve on your “Gratitude Quotient”? If so, how?
- Do you have people that you need to contact to convey your “thanks” for their enrichment of your life?
- What steps will you take to convey your gratitude to others?

ON YOUR OWN...

Leviticus 13:1-59
Psalm 69:30-31
Psalm 92:1-2, 4
Psalm 107
Luke 12:12-14
Ephesians 5:18-20