



Resources

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Luke 5:12-16

[12] While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." [13] And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. [14] And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." [15] But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. [16] But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. (ESV)

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Request of the Leper (12)
- II. The Response of Jesus (13)
- III. The Command of Jesus (14)
- IV. The Response of the Leper (15-16)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- What were your main takeaways from the sermon in Luke 5 this Sunday? Were you encouraged? Challenged? Convicted?
- In chapter 4, Jesus *rebuked* the fever in Peter's mother in law. Now, in chapter 5, Jesus *cleansed* a man with leprosy. In both cases, we would probably say that Jesus *healed* the person, but the text gives us different verbs. Why is this the case? What does this teach us about Jesus?
- Pastor Scott said that Jesus does not make a good addition to an already good life. If Jesus were suddenly taken out of your life, how would your life be different? Is Jesus simply an addition to your already good life, or do you desperately need him like the leper in Luke 5?
- Why is it difficult to express a need? How can you grow in this area?
- In the first century, lepers were the most marginalized in society. Who are the marginalized or "unclean" in our local community? Take a few minutes to make a list.
-Can your life group move toward anyone on this list? What are some practical steps you can take?
(I did a core course on a similar topic last fall that might be helpful: <https://vimeo.com/880496110>)
- The text says that the leper *implored* Jesus. When was the last time you were so desperate that you implored God in prayer?
- Jesus touched the leper when He could have just spoken. What does this show about who Jesus is? Have you ever had a time when you felt Jesus met not only a spiritual need, but a physical one as well? As a group, read 1 Kings 19:1-8 and discuss God's response to Elijah.
- The story begins with the leper in isolation, but it ends with Jesus in desolate places. This is often called the Great Exchange. See 2 Corinthians 5:21 - *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* Spend some time thanking God for the great exchange.

