

Kingdom of God 17 - Leader's Guide

Healing Lepers

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- 1. What is leprosy? What happens to your body when you have it? (Leprosy is a skin infection with open sores. It eats away at your hands, feet, and face. You can lose fingers, toes, and your nose. It can cause blindness and nerve damage.)**
- 2. How does it feel to be a leper? (You feel weird, ugly, rejected, hopeless. It's a death sentence.)**
- 3. What did lepers in Bible times have to do to keep healthy people safe? (Lepers had to cover their mouths, cry "unclean!", and live alone.)**
- 4. A man covered with leprosy falls on his knees before Jesus. What does he ask? (He asks Jesus to make him clean. He knows Jesus has the power to do it, but he's not sure if Jesus WANTS to heal him.)**
- 5. Describe Jesus' interaction with the man. (He reaches out his hand and touches him. He says he *wants* to heal him. He heals him with a command, "Be healed!" The guy is instantly healed!)**
- 6. What does Jesus tell the healed man? Does he listen? (Jesus tells him not to tell anyone because Jesus doesn't want to die before his time. The healed man doesn't listen. He's so excited he tells everyone!)**
- 7. Jesus meets ten lepers at a distance. What do they shout? (They shout, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" They are asking for healing.)**
- 8. How is Jesus' healing of this group different from his healing of the first man? (He heals the first man immediately with a command. He also touches the first man. The group is healed over time as they obey Jesus' command and start walking to the priest. Jesus does not touch them.)**
- 9. What did the Jewish priests do for lepers? (They examined them and decided if they were healed. If so, they could return to their families and a normal life.)**

- 10. What was the key to being healed in both these stories? (Faith.)**
- 11. How do the 10 lepers show that they have faith? (They start walking toward the priest before they see any healing in their bodies. They are trusting that Jesus will heal them.)**
- 12. How many of the 10 lepers return to thank Jesus? Is he happy with this? Explain. (Only one. Jesus is not happy and asks where the other nine are. He wants all to thank Him. He wants us to thank Him too.)**

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1. Mark 1: 40-45 Who Is Jesus?

- Moved with compassion. Huge heart of love.
- Feels leper's pain
- Touches disgusting man!
- Jesus *wants* to heal sick people! POWERFUL! v. 41
- Heals instantly! Does creative miracle- fingers, toes, nose probably grow back!
- Loves people others would reject, Looks at heart.
- Not trying to become famous. Asks healed man not to tell others v. 44
- Does not want to die before his time
- Jesus can't go to towns. Has to stay in isolated places. v. 45

Who Is Man?

- Covered with leprosy. Bad case. Will die soon. v.40
- Kneels before Jesus. Begs for healing. Desperate. v.40
- Knows that Jesus has power to heal. Has faith.
- Is not sure that Jesus wants to heal him. v. 40
- Instantly healed v. 42
- Doesn't obey Jesus. Tells everyone what happened. v.45
- Keep surrounding Jesus v. 45

So What?

- Jesus has power to heal and *wants* to heal
- He wants to heal ME!
- He responds to faith
- He has great compassion for me! He looks at my heart, not my appearance.

2. Luke 17:11-19 Who Is Jesus?

- Heals at a distance
- Sees pain of suffering people. Has mercy on them.
- Mercy = doesn't give people what they deserve
- Doesn't heal right away. No formula! Doesn't touch them. v.14
- Sends group to Jewish priest to see if they're healed. v. 14
- Heals 10 people at once!
- Jesus knows he's healed 10. Asks where the other 9 are. Wants people to have thankful hearts for miracles. v. 17-18
- Praises Samaritan man for his faith. Encourages. v. 19

Who Is Man?

- Isolated because of sickness v.12
- Cry out for mercy. Ask for healing. v.13
- Show faith by their actions. Walk to see priest even though they're not healed yet v.14
- They are miraculously made clean as they step out in faith. v. 14
- One man returns to thank Jesus v.15
- Joyful! Shouts, praises God! v. 15
- Falls to ground at Jesus' feet. v. 16

So What?

- Jesus does not always heal instantly. Sometimes healing is gradual.
- Jesus can heal many at once
- Jesus can heal at a distance
- Jesus heals in a variety of ways. There is no one formula for healing
- Jesus wants us to thank him for what he does!
- Am I thankful?