

Discussion Guide- Week 4
“The Man Who Came Back”
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19



In the message the speaker shared about a favorite material possession he is really grateful for. What is something simple that you find yourself regularly grateful for?

Let's Dig into Our Bible Passage:

Let's look at the before and after.

- Take a moment and skim the three stories just prior to our passage. You will find them in Luke 17:1-10. How might what is going on in each be relevant to what Jesus does in the life of these 10 lepers?

Read Luke 17:11-14

- What do we know about the disease of leprosy in the time these events took place? How would their lives have been affected by this diagnosis?
- Why did these lepers ask for “mercy?” (Other translations may use the word “pity.”) What does this hint at their mindset at the time? What are some other times in life when a person might ask for mercy?
- Why do you think Jesus instructs them as He does? How would you feel in this situation?
- “As they went they were cleansed?” Describe these next few minutes in your own words.
- Why would getting to the priest be a significant goal for these lepers?

Read Luke 17:15-19

- Put yourself in the shoes of the nine lepers. Why do you feel they did not turn back, but continued on their way to the priest?
- What do you think was going through the mind of the tenth leper just before he turned back?

- What does the leper do once he gets back to Jesus? Why is this significant?

Let's Apply this passage to our lives:

- We are told that his words were spoken "with a loud voice." Why does this matter? How "loudly" do we talk about spiritual things today? Does this matter? Have you ever had someone in your life who was good at speaking clearly and boldly about faith without offending others?
- "Turning points" play a significant role in the Gospel of Luke. Why do we need them? How are they different from more gradual seasons of change? What role have turning points played in your life?
- In the very last verse Jesus makes a pronouncement. (Keeping in mind that the phrase "has made you well" is the same word he uses elsewhere for "saved.") Did the tenth leper leave Jesus that day with something different than what the other nine received?