

LifeGroup Meeting

The Grace Given Legacy 3

"Grace Within Reach"

Get To Know You Question:

If you had to shout one phrase everywhere you went like the lepers did, what would yours be?

Let's Dig Deeper

Someone read **Matthew 8:1-3**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you?

1. Read Matthew 8:1-3. What stands out to you most about the leper's approach to Jesus, and why do you think Matthew includes those specific details?
2. The leper "approached" Jesus when he was forbidden to do so. What keeps people today from approaching Christ with their deepest needs?
3. Leprosy was both physically devastating and socially isolating. In what ways does sin still isolate and label people in our culture?
4. Read Leviticus 13:45-46. How would living under those conditions shape a person's identity and self worth? How does that deepen the impact of Matthew 8:3?
5. The leper knelt and worshiped before he was healed. What does that reveal about his understanding of Jesus?
6. The leper said, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." What is the difference between believing Jesus can do something and trusting Him with whether He will?
7. Why is "if you will" such a profound statement of humility and faith? How does that challenge the way we pray?
8. Jesus touched the leper even though He could have healed him from a distance. What does that touch reveal about the heart of God?
9. Can you recall a time when you experienced the "touch" of Christ in your own brokenness? What did that change in you?

10. Read Hebrews 4:15-16. How does this passage reinforce the idea that grace is within reach?
11. Why do people often assume they are too far gone, too unclean, or too ashamed to approach Jesus?
12. The leper lost his fear of public shame because his need was greater. What would it look like for us to lose our fear of being exposed and bring our struggles into the light?
13. Read 1 Peter 2:9. If we are a “royal priesthood,” what responsibility do we carry toward the “lepers” in our world?
14. Who in your life might feel spiritually untouchable right now? What would it look like to step toward them with grace instead of stepping back?
15. The story ends with Jesus saying, “I will; be clean.” Where in your life do you most need to believe that Christ is both willing and able?
16. What did you do last week to be a blessing to someone? Share with the group. And what are you planning for this week?

Close in Prayer.