

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

October 30, 2022 Luke 17:11-19 "Faith and Gratitude"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1. Tony explained how leprosy wasn't just a physical problem, but a social and psychological one. What are the kinds of things in our context that could take a similar toll on someone? What are the ways that our group/church IS prepared to care for people like this? What steps could we take to get more prepared?
- 2. You may not have had leprosy (or any of the conditions the group identified just now), but if you are in Christ you HAVE been cleansed. What are some of the things you've been cleansed from?
- 3. Why does Luke go out of his way to mention that the one thankful leper was a Samaritan? What is Luke trying to teach us through Samaritans in his Gospel?
- 4. What is the connection between faith and thankfulness? What role does thanksgiving play in your walk with Jesus? What are the things that you find yourself most thankful for? What are some ways you can cultivate a heart of thankfulness?
- 5. Luke shows us that thankfulness is the appropriate response to being cleansed. As a group, consider spending some time in prayer simply thanking the Lord for his healing through Jesus. Below are some passages that give biblical reasons to be thankful. Consider using these as a guide for your prayer time.
 - a. for his deliverance (Ps 35:18),
 - b. for loving us and being faithful (Ps 52:9; 107:8),
 - c. for hearing our cry (Ps 118:21),
 - d. for safe arrival after a long, arduous journey (Acts 28:15),
 - e. for other believers and for the testimony of their faith (Rom 1:8),
 - f. for the gift of salvation that enables one not to sin (Rom 6:17),
 - g. for delivering us from our tendency to sin (Rom 7:25),
 - h. for the spiritual gift of being able to address God (1 Cor 14:18),
 - i. for resurrection hope (1 Cor 15:57),
 - j. for testimony, deliverance and victory in the midst of persecution (2 Cor 2:14), for the support of a colleague in ministry (2 Cor 8:16),
 - k. for other believers (Phil 1:3; Col 1:3; 2 Tim 1:3; Philem 4),
 - I. for those who respond to God's Word (1 Thess 2:13),
 - m. for being able to serve others for God (1 Tim 1:12) and
 - n. for his attributes (Rev 4:9).
- 6. Read through the book of Colossians together and find each time being thankful is commanded or commended. What does each occurrence teach us about thankfulness in the Christian life?