



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
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[set up]

What stood out to you from the message last Sunday?

Share about a time when you sensed the cleansing and purifying work of Jesus in your life. If nothing comes to mind, perhaps you can share about a strong longing you once had, or currently have, to feel cleansed and purified by Christ for a sense of “dirtiness” in your life.

[digging deeper]

Read through Luke 5:12-16 as a group.

Give each person 60 seconds to write down the observations that they see in the passage. Share those observations with each other.

Although we probably cannot relate to leprosy, share several modern parallels that you can draw from the observations above.

Did the leper asked to be cleansed or healed? What is important about that distinction? (Think through other types of healings that Jesus miraculously performed—blind, deaf, crippled, etc.—and why leprosy was different in nature.)

For greater insights to the bigger picture here, read through Leviticus 13:45-46; Leviticus 14; Numbers 5:1-3.

How is our sin like leprosy? What are the similarities?

Based on the above reading, how do these verses show us that Jesus is willing and able to heal our “spiritual leprosy”?

Ephesians 2:4-5

Hebrews 9:14

1 John 1:7-9

Titus 2:14

Jesus told the leprous man not to tell anyone about his healing, but the man told as many people as possible (see same account in Mark 1:40-45). Jesus has told us to tell as many people as possible about the Gospel, but we don't tell many people. Why do we experience this backward dynamic and how can we start to reverse it individually and as a church community?

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We are told to walk in the ways of Christ and imitate Him. What can we learn about being like Christ from this encounter? (1 John 2:6; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Peter 2:21)

[living it out]

In Luke 5:16, we see Jesus retreat to pray. We believe that His intent was to connect with the Father, refresh, and recharge.

Close in prayer together keeping in mind what God has shown you above, as well as your understanding of how to: (A) receive Christ's cleansing in your life, (B) gratefully celebrate Christ's cleansing of sin in your life, (C) be like Christ in sharing His love and the message of the cleansing Gospel with others in this life, especially those you have a hard time with—those you would have similar repulsive feelings to a leper or unclean person.