



"The Thankful Leper"

Luke 17:11-19

October 27th, 2019

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What's the worst physical affliction, disease or injury you've experience in your life? Is it something that you've been healed of? Or is it something that you continue to deal with?

QUICK REVIEW

The Gospel of Luke is a detailed, carefully-researched account of the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luke 9-19 records the Lord's movement from Galilee to Jerusalem where He will die for our sin. In this section, Jesus is encountered by a small colony of ten lepers. They were afflicted with the most dreaded disease of their time, leprosy. They call out fervently for the Lord's mercy and Jesus answers that cry. But will their shouts of thanksgiving match their cry for help?

Read Luke 17:11-19

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Looking carefully at this story, how did the thankful leper express his gratitude? What measures did he take that you can learn from? What other ways can we practice thanksgiving to God?
2. How would you describe Jesus' attitude toward the nine that did not return to give thanks? Would you say there is a lack of gratitude in the society around us? Does that reflect God's perspective in a wider way on the human race?
3. How often do you practice thanksgiving to God? How do you do so? Why is it easy to forget to give thanks to God for his blessings?
4. Reflect Psalm 9:1-2. How many times does the phrase "I will" occur in the ESV? What does it teach you about David's mindset? How might such a mindset help you?
5. Still thinking about Psalm 9:1-2, what are some of the "wonderful [temporal] deeds" that the Lord has accomplished recently for you?
6. Read Colossians 1:11-14. While we celebrate the healing of the ten lepers in Luke 17 (and with others healed by God's hand) we should remember that God's healing mercy is temporal – each leper went on to die of something else. The ultimate mercy is seen in Christ's salvation from sin, which is granted to the one with saving faith. How does a focus on God's greatest mercy help you when he withholds some of the temporal mercies of life?