

Jesus the Healer

The Grace of Gratitude

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

AUTHOR

Luke, a Greek, Gentile Christian and physician, wrote his gospel around A.D. 60, from Rome or possibly Caesarea. He also wrote Acts, which is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a close friend and companion of the apostle Paul and wrote to Theophilus, which means one who loves God. Luke focuses on Jesus' relationships with people. His purpose in writing was to present an accurate account of the life of Jesus and to present Jesus as the perfect human and Savior.

CONTEXT

As our scripture passage opens, Jesus continues with his message and ministry and has left Galilee for the last time. He will not return until his death. He is headed to Jerusalem and passes through Samaria.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Luke 17:11-19. Who does Jesus encounter?
2. Read Leviticus 13:45-46 and Numbers 5:2. What does Leviticus say those with leprosy must do and how must they live?
3. Read Numbers 5:2. What instructions did the Lord give Moses in regards to those with a skin disease (such as leprosy)?
4. If a person with a skin disease was healed, what did the Lord tell Moses they had to do? Read Leviticus 14:1-2.

5. What did Jesus tell the lepers to do in Luke 17:14? Compare Leviticus 14:1-2 with Luke 17:14. What is the difference between when Jesus sent them to the priest and when they were supposed to visit a priest according to Leviticus? What did it require of the lepers to obey Jesus?
6. Do you have the same kind of trust the lepers had when they headed to the priest?
7. 10 lepers were healed but only 1 came back and thanked Jesus. What was his response to Jesus? What did Jesus tell the man, healed him?
8. Can you imagine what the lepers must have felt to discover they were healed? This would entirely change their lives. Yet, only 1 expressed gratitude. How big a role does gratitude have in your life? Do you sometimes take blessings for granted? How does living a life of gratitude impact us physically? Mentally? Spiritually?
9. Is it hard for you to say thank you? What are some ways you could be more intentional or sincere in expressing gratitude, especially to your family?
10. Consider making a list of things you are grateful for or even start a gratitude journal. What other ways might you cultivate the practice of gratitude and appreciation?

ENCOURAGEMENT

"Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things
he does for me." – Psalm 103:2