

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Luke 5:12-16

Review

- If you had to live this week over again, would you change anything? If so, what would that be?
- Name a gift that you will never forget.
- If you were to visit another church in another city, what factors would you use to decide which church to attend?
- What is your greatest fear when you share about your Christian faith with others? How can this be overcome?

Remind

- Where was Jesus when he met the man with leprosy (v.12a)? Why is this location surprising? (See Leviticus 13:46)
- What did the leper ask Jesus to do (v.12b)?
- What did Jesus *physically* do as part of His response (v.13)? Why was this action usual? (See Leviticus 5:2-3)
- What *three* things did Jesus tell the leper to do (v.14)? Why were the last 2 instructions important? (See Leviticus 14:1-32)
- Did the leper obey Jesus' first instruction? What did he do instead (v.15)? What happened as a result?
- Where did Jesus go and do to be away from the people (v.16)? How regularly did He do this?

Respond

- v.12 records the leper falling on his face before Jesus. What physical posture/s (if any) help us worship Jesus today?
- Even though the leper is "full of leprosy", he asks Jesus to be clean (not healed). In what areas of Christian life is it easy to become unclean and we need to be 'washed' regularly?
- Jesus did not hesitate in speaking with and healing the leper. What causes us to hesitate in sharing God's love with others.
- You could end by reading together Luke 5:13

Luke 5:12-16 (NIVUK)

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.'

¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' And immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, 'Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.'

¹⁵ Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their illnesses. ¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.