



This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. Who wouldn't you 'touch' with a forty-foot-pole? Seriously, do you have in the back of your mind a list of those you just can't see yourself reaching out to or making time for? Why or why not?
2. Who might you know, or have you encountered anyone this week who might wonder whether or not God wants them?
3. In what ways might you have felt unwanted? How can this help you to relate to someone else feeling the same way?
4. What barriers can you break this week to reach someone who might seem 'untouchable'?
5. Who can you pray for as you think on these questions?

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. Read Matthew 8:2-3 and Luke 17:11-16 together as a family. What questions naturally come up? What lessons just pop off the page?
2. Take some time to lead your family through a discussion about the points on the reverse side of this handout. See what questions arise.
3. Pray together – pray especially for anyone who might feel *unwanted*.



Today's Service

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Series: Wanted
Part 2: The Untouchables

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Matthew 8:2-3 (NLT) ²Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. “Lord,” the man said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.” ³Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

Many people today with 'untouchable' issues wonder whether anyone _____ about them and their problems; feeling _____ is just normal for them.

Instead of treating a _____ like *they* weren't there, Jesus treated any and all _____ to reaching out in love like *they* weren't there.

Luke 17:11-16 (NLT) Ten Healed of Leprosy

¹¹As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹²As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” ¹⁶He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

Jesus desires to take those who are discarded and unwanted on the _____, and bring them on the _____; he wants to make them _____.

*“Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours
are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with
which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours.”*

Matthew 25:40 (NLT) ⁴⁰“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

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