

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

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BIBLE STUDY

Theme: “Forgetting To Return Thanks”

^{v17} **Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”**

^{v18} **Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17: 11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance

¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”

¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

I. Key Words:

- Gratitude
- Ingratitude
- Forgetting

II. People, Places, & Time:

- Jesus
- Lepers
- Priest

III. Background:

- Jesus was journeying to Jerusalem.
- Certain Samaritans did not allow free passage to the Jews through their territory, so Jesus had to divert his route, but this did not stop him from being available to minister.
- He met ten lepers in need.
- These ten personalities had been placed in isolation because of their dreadful sad condition
- We identify with these ten in that we all are spiritual lepers apart from the healing salvation of God through Christ.
- Let's take a look at what happened in this exchange of conversation between Jesus and these ten lepers?

IV. In Depth:

1. Lesson Emphasis #1: They played it by the Rules.

The lepers stood at a distance and cried out with loud voices.

They played by the rules.

According to Leviticus 13:45, lepers had to identify themselves by wearing torn clothes, covering the lower part of their faces, and crying out, "Unclean!"

Apparently nine Jews and one Samaritan were brought together by the same common affliction.

They obeyed the law of lepers.

How many claim to be Christians by the law but are still infected with sin?

I often say to people that you cannot legislate righteousness; there must be a change in one's faith and belief for change to take place.

It is not enough to play by the rules.

2. Lesson Emphasis #2: *We may live by Faith.*

The lepers cried to Jesus.

They requested mercy, not healing.

Jesus exhorted them in a loud voice to go to the priests.

They were given an opportunity to exercise their faith.

Would they take it?

Will we take the opportunity to live by faith?

3. Lesson Emphasis #3: *We may obey Christ's command.*

The lepers went to the priests.

Their action proved their obedience.

Often times we talk our talk but we don't walk it.

They fulfilled the law of Leviticus 14:2 by going, and Christ healed them.

But they still had a problem.

They forgot to return thanks.

A person who comes to church and hears a word from God on prayer, tithing, or serving and then does nothing about it is unthankful.

Is there anything sadder than ingratitude or being ungrateful?

In your home, your business, and your life, have you learned to give thanks?

4. Lesson Emphasis #4:

V. Make It Happen

- According to the Levitical Law what were the rules concerning leprosy?
- Why were these ten men placed in isolation?
- What did the lepers do to demonstrate their faith?
- What did the lepers do to demonstrate their obedience and why is obedience essential?
- What was the one thing the lepers forgot to do?
- Why is it important to be grateful? And how do we demonstrate our personal gratitude to God?

VI. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?

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