



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Sermon Title:** Immeasurably More

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### LUKE 17:11-19

This message will guide us through a story in the Gospel of Luke 17, and through it, impress on your heart this

**BIG IDEA: SEEK AFTER GOD, NOT JUST GIFTS FROM GOD.**

### 3 WAYS TO SEEK AFTER GOD, NOT JUST GIFTS FROM GOD.

#### 1. CALL OUT TO GOD IN HUMILITY

These 10 men had a skin disease that was the most feared disease in the world in their time. It was **deadly, incurable, and contagious**. It was also the kind of disease that made you a social outcast and if you had it, you were banished from society because of how quickly it could spread.

These men call out to Jesus and ask Him to simply have “pity on them.” They recognize that He has in Him the power to grant them what all the doctors in their day have not been able to grant them. You can almost hear the hope in their voices, mixed in with a sense of unworthiness.

From them, we learn that prayer is NOT an exercise in self-congratulation where we recite how hard we’re working to God in order to win His approval. Calling out to God in humility means that when we pray, we start off by saying, “Lord, I’m here first and foremost to acknowledge that anything good in me is a result of your loving grace poured into my life.” **Psalm 34:18**

#### 2. WALK IN OBEDIENT FAITH

##### Luke 17:14

To heal them, Jesus orders them to go present themselves to the priests in the temple rather than walk over to them and physically touch them.

The only reason a leper would ever dare go near a priest would be **AFTER** he’d been healed so the priest could approve him and readmit him into society. But at the time of Jesus’ command to them **GO**, they had **NOT YET BEEN HEALED**.

What Jesus is doing here is instructing these men to act by faith; to act on a reality that has not yet arrive. In order to get healed, they would first need to be obedient to what He just instructed them to do.

And as the obeyed, somewhere in the middle of that journey to the temple in Jerusalem, something supernatural began to change in their bodies.

There's a powerful lesson we can glean from these 10 men. When you are obedient to what God has already instructed you to do, and your faith moves you to action, God will start to move the mountains in your life.

### **3. LIVE WITH CONSTANT GRATITUDE**

**Luke 17:15-19**

Luke, the author of this Gospel is very intentional in pointing out that the one guy who returned was a, "Samaritan." This is supposed to come across as a shock to his hearers because Jews despised Samaritans and considered them as spiritual "half-breeds". Luke is making the point here that the one who was least expected to be thankful is the one who was most grateful.

Jesus asks why the other 9 did not return. The answer is- they were doing exactly what Jesus told them to do. Having received their healing, they were going off to show themselves to the priests so He could approve them and readmit them into society.

They got what they wanted from Jesus and chose to move on, but then there's this one guy who was so grateful, not simply for the healing He received, but grateful to the ONE who healed him. In his gratitude, he goes back and pours his praise and worship and lavishes his thankfulness on the Son of God who just showed a leper love and grace.

What may be most amazing aspect of this story is what Jesus says to the one leper at the end in verse **19**, "Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." That verse in the Greek translates as, "Your faith has saved you." So, whereas all 10 of them received physical healing, this one guy, because He sought after God, and not just gifts from God, RECEIVED IMMEASURABLY MORE! He received the added bonus of spiritual healing. In other words, Jesus extended to Him eternal life! All 10 of them were healed, but only one got saved!

When you seek wholeheartedly after God, and not just gifts from God, you will experience spiritual breakthroughs!

### Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Do you feel your prayers are balanced (listening and speaking) or do you need to focus more in one area? What kinds of things do you do or can you do to maintain a good balance as you pray?**
- **Describe a time when God moved in a mighty way in your life and you ran back to him in thankfulness.**
- **What provisions in your life do you still need to TURN BACK to God in praise for?**
- **What do you think was on the heart of the men who did not return to Jesus to praise Him? Do you think the 9 men were wrong for not returning to Jesus?**
- **What are societal and personal barriers to approaching God in complete humility?**
- **What is the role that daily obedience plays in ushering in God's plans? Why is obedience an act of faith?**