

## “Unclean, Broken & Sinful”

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: When you think of Jesus healing people, “why” do you think He did it the way He did?

**READ: Luke 5:12-16** “While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>13</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup> And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” <sup>15</sup> But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. <sup>16</sup> But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.”

Q: What is most striking to you about this interaction between Jesus and this Leper?

Q: After Jesus heals the man, why do you think that He sends him to the priest and to make an offering?

Q: What’s significant about verse 16?

**READ: Luke 5:17-26** “<sup>17</sup> On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup> And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, <sup>19</sup> but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. <sup>20</sup> And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>24</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>25</sup> And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup> And amazement seized them all, and

they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

Q: What is interesting to you in THIS account?

Q: What's interesting about the phrase "And the power of the Lord was with Him to heal" (v.17). Do you think there was a time when it was not? OR, is there some connection with vs.16?

Q: What's beautiful and interesting about this mans friends?

Q: What's interesting about v.20? "WHAT" did Jesus "see"? Often we think of faith as "unseen" in the "heart" of a person. In this case it was revealed! How?

Q: Why do you think Jesus starts with forgiveness of sins instead of just healing him directly?

**READ: Luke 5:27-32** "27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." 28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. 29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Q: What's striking about this encounter?

Q: How is the "calling of Levi" related too, or connected too....healing?

Q: Why were the religious leaders "grumbling"?

Q: When Jesus declares verse 32, how does THAT, inform OUR mission, outreach, focus, etc.

**Follow Up:**

Q: How do ALL three of these encounters fit together?

Q: How can you see yourself in them?

Q: How will following Jesus in His mission to heal, put you at odds with the religious?