

GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION: week of August 4th.

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.

UP: growing in relationship with God

IN: growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

OUT: growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

Getting Started:

How do you tend to express gratitude to others?

UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Luke 17:11-19. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note any words or phrases that seem meaningful.

- 1) Reread verses 12-13. Leprosy describes a family of skin diseases that were often highly contagious. In the ancient world, people with these conditions were quarantined in an effort to protect the health of the village. Does this still happen today in other ways? Who are the social "lepers" in our society?
- 2) Reread verses 15-16. Why do you think that only one returned to Jesus to thank him for this miracle?
- 3) Reread verses 17-18. None of the "right" people returned to Jesus. It was only the Samaritan, the outsider. Why do you think Luke would write about an outsider doing the right thing rather than the Jews? In what ways is it significant that the Samaritan comes back rather than the Jews who were healed?
- 4) Jesus miraculously heals all ten of these lepers. What sort of healing by God have you experienced in your life? (spiritual, emotional, physical, etc.)
- 5) In what ways are you like the man who returned? How do you typically express gratitude to God for the ways in which he has worked in your life?
- 6) When have you been like the other nine?
- 7) How does this passage challenge you to grow in your knowledge of Christ's Kingdom?

OUT: Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)

Who in your life needs to recognize the work of the Lord in their life?

IN: Connect with Each Other

Take time to share how you have seen God working in the lives of each of your group members. Thank God for these things.