

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!)

We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your LIFEgroup. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!

1. If you could convince God to do one healing and know that He would do it, what would you ask of Him?
2. Why do we tend to ask God to heal? What is the main reason God does heal?
3. When have you felt desperate for God's mercy?
4. Why does God expect us to act in order to receive the benefit of His power and mercy?
5. How were the Samaritan's actions a demonstration of his faith in Jesus? What do we do to display our faith in Jesus for who He is?
6. Do you count yourself with the Samaritan who has recognized Jesus for who he is, or are you more like one of the other nine?



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1. In this series, it seems that every story or parable has a “SURPRISE,” or a twist ending, reminding us that things are not always as they SEEM.
 2. We understand again that God's view of most EVERYTHING is quite different than MAN'S perspective.

WHY DID JESUS HEAL?

1. Each of Jesus' healing miracles influenced multiple people.
 - a. Jesus often healed at the request of, or for the sake of a family member or friend:

Luke 4:38 - Simon Peter's Mother-in-Law; Luke 5:17-18 - friends of the paralytic; Luke 7:2 - the centurion's servant; Luke 7:11 - a woman's deceased son; Luke 8:40 - Jairus' daughter; Luke 9:37 - a father's epileptic son.
 - b. Jesus demonstrated His healing power for the benefit of the one healed AND for those who were witnesses.

Luke 4:31-37 - the demon possessed man in the synagogue; Luke 11:14 - the mute man spoke and the crowd was amazed; Luke 18:35-43 - Bartimaeus received his sight and 'all the people saw it.'
 - c. He healed some people to demonstrate His authority to those who OPPOSED to His teaching.

Luke 5:17-26 - the paralytic healed as a testimony to the Pharisees and teachers of the law; Luke 6:6-11 - The man with a shriveled hand before the Pharisees and teachers of the law; Luke 13:10-17 - the crippled woman in the synagogue; Luke 14:1-6 - the man with dropsy in the house of a prominent Pharisee.

d. Every miracle displays Jesus' power and authority through each GENERATION.

2. Jesus healed to demonstrate who He was and to show His authority came from heaven. He healed to show that His power was from God.

JESUS' HEALING POWER INFLUENCED THE COMMUNITY.

Luke 17:11 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 met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

2. Unlike any other of Jesus' healing miracles, the account of the ten lepers demonstrated His ability to restore an entire community.

a. Ten men who had leprosy lived together outside a village on the border between Samaria and Galilee.

- The gathering of ten men represents a quorum needed to organize a Jewish synagogue.
- They were united by leprosy, which was a general term that incorporated many skin diseases. See *Leviticus 13:1-46*.
- The Jews commonly believed that those who suffered from leprosy had been inflicted by God for punishment and marked by God's DISPLEASURE.

Leviticus 13:45-46 "The person with such an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' As long as he has the infection he remains unclean. He must live alone; he must live outside the camp.

b. The men knew Jesus' reputation. They called him 'Master.'

c. The ten men were DESPERATE.

- They were untouchable. They called out in a loud voice. The request was put into a familiar phrase, "Have mercy on us."

AS THEY WENT, THEY WERE HEALED.

Luke 17:14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

1. God calls for us to ACT in order to benefit from His healing power. We often approach God expecting Him to ACT for us.

a. Naaman, the Syrian, is a prime example. See *2 Kings 5:1-27*

2 Kings 5:11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.

b. The one act for these ten men was to go to the priests.

2. As they went, the ten men were cleansed (καθαρίζω) by God.

FAITH IN JESUS BRINGS MORE THAN A HEALING.

Luke 17:15 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.

1. One never made it to the priest because **he realized the priest could do no more for him than Jesus already had.** *The worship of God came before the benefits of his own healing.*

2. Jesus who taught the parable of the MERCIFUL Samaritan emphasizes the identity of the one who returned.

Luke 17:17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

3. Of the ten men who were restored, one was described as having been saved. See *Luke 7:50; 8:48; 17:19; 18:42*.

καθαρίζω - cleansed < σώζω - saved.

Jesus healed the community. Ten received the benefit of acting on their belief in Jesus. One was saved by faith.