

**“Be Clean”**

*Sermon Notes*

- **Our mission & vision demand a constant realignment of priorities, and this passage shows us three ways to do it**

*\*Our mission & vision will flourish to the degree that we...*

1. ...think \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_ (v.12)

2. ...think \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.13-14)

3. ...think \_\_\_\_\_ with God before \_\_\_\_\_ to  
others (vv.15-16)

**Next Week: Luke 5:17-26 – “Who Can Forgive Sins But God Alone?”**

## Community Group Study Guide

For the Week of May 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

### Please read Luke 5:12-16.

1. In verse 12 the leper falls on his face and addresses Jesus as "Lord." This is the same term that Peter used in verse 8 when he fell on his knees before Jesus.
  - a. Was this just a polite term, or did it indicate that the leper realized something more about Jesus? Please explain.
  - b. Do you think that this indicates that the leper recognized the divinity of Jesus? Why or why not?
  - c. Do you think that Luke means something more by the term than the leper does? Why or why not?
  
2. In verse 13, Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the leper.
  - a. Do you see any problem with this action? Please explain. (See Leviticus 13:8 and Leviticus 7:21)
  - b. Could Jesus have healed the leper without touching him? Please explain your answer. (See Luke 6:6-10)
  - c. Why do you think Jesus touched the leper to heal him?
  - d. Was this the first Israelite healed of leprosy? (See Luke 4:27)
  - e. Why do the leper and Jesus refer to cleansing rather than healing? What was the consequence of being a leper? (See Leviticus 13:46)
  
3. Jesus tells the leper not to tell anyone about the miracle, to present himself to a Levitical priest, and offer a sacrifice in verse 14.
  - a. Why do you think he told the man not to tell anyone about the miracle?
  - b. Why do you think he told the man to show himself to the priest and offer a sacrifice? (See Leviticus 14:1-32)
  - c. What should the priests have been able to conclude from Jesus ability to heal leprosy? (See 2 Kings 5:7-8)
  - d. Do you remember any other Biblical account of leprosy being healed immediately? (See Exodus 4:6-8) What did the ability

to cure leprosy immediately signify in that case?

- e. The leper recognized before he was healed that Jesus had the power to heal leprosy (see verse 12). Do you think this is why he referred to Jesus as "Lord"? Please explain.

4. News of the leper spread despite Jesus' admonition to tell no one.

- a. Why did the crowds come to Jesus?  
(See verse 15)
- b. What was Jesus' response to the crowds? (See verse 16)
- c. Do you see any connection between the leper's plight before he was healed and the plight of Jesus after the healing? If so, what is the connection?