

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 17, 2008

Passage: Luke 5:12-16

Memory Passage: Isaiah 1:18

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:12-16.** This week's lesson will be a little different from our normal lessons. Each day will look at a topic from the passage and provide biblical questions related to that topic.
- (b) What disease does the man that approaches Jesus have? Why would it be strange that he would come to Jesus?
- (c) Read Leviticus 13:45-46. Leviticus provides quite extensive instructions for identifying leprosy and dealing with it. What do these verses tell us about the main way that it was dealt with?
- (d) What does this tell us about the faith of the leper who approached Jesus?
- (e) What does Jesus do in Luke 5:13 that is *even more* shocking? What does Mark 1:41 tell us about the reason Jesus healed this man?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:12-16. What would it have been like to be a leper? How would people have treated you? Would you have come to Jesus? Why or why not? Who are people today that are treated as "lepers" in society? How should we as believers respond to them? Pray that you will have a heart of compassion toward all that the Lord puts in your path this week.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:12-16.** Do sickness and God's judgment ever go together (1 Corinthians 11:28-32)?
- (b) Read Numbers 12. What happened to Miriam? Why does it occur? Who prays for healing? What is God's answer? Does God heal everyone who asks? Why or why not?
- (c) Read 2 Kings 15:1-5 and 2 Chronicles 26:16-21. What happened to Jeroboam and Uzziah? Where did they have to stay?
- (d) Read Isaiah 6:5. What did Isaiah cry out when he compared himself to the holiness of God? Also notice *when* he cried out in 6:1; what might he have been thinking about as he compared this to his own sinfulness?
- (e) Read Leviticus 5:1-4 and discuss what makes a person "unclean." What did Jesus say made a man unclean in Matthew 15:11 and 15:17-20?
- (f) Read Luke 5:12-16 and Proverbs 30:12. Discuss sickness and God's judgment. Does God ever bring sickness to judge people? How would you know if it was the judgment of God? How is sin like leprosy? What does the verse in Proverbs tell us about our own generation? Pray for our generation that it might see itself as sinful and seek the cleansing of the Lord.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:12-16.** What does the leprous man do when he approaches Jesus (see Mark 1:40 and Matthew 8:2)? What does this tell you about *who* the leper thought he was coming to?
- (b) Why would this matter (Hebrews 11:6)? Does it matter if we have faith or not?
- (c) Consider the following verses: Matthew 9:28-29; Matthew 8:13; Mark 10:52; and Matthew 13:58. Does our faith matter?
- (d) What evidence do you see of the leper's faith?
- (e) What do James 4:2 and Matthew 16:24 tell us? What might be one reason that we seldom see others healed?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:12-16; Hebrews 11:6 and Matthew 13:58. Talk about the importance of faith in healing. How did the leper have faith? Was that the reason he was healed? Can a person have faith and not be healed? Pray that you might have the faith to call upon the Lord for every need in your lives.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:12-16.** What statement does the leper make? What does this tell us about what he thought was the *determining* factor in his ability to be healed?
- (b) How did Jesus respond? What happened immediately?
- (c) What did Paul say he asked the Lord for in 2 Corinthians 12:7-12? How did the Lord respond to his request?
- (d) What did Paul learn in his suffering? Does God heal everyone who asks (2 Timothy 4:20; 1 Timothy 5:23)?
- (e) What does this tell us about the sovereignty of God in healing? Compare this to what James says about doing business in James 4:13-17.
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:12-16 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-12. Does God heal everyone? What might be some reasons that God chooses not to heal? How should we respond whenever we are not healed? Pray for someone experiencing suffering.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 5:12-16.** What instructions does Jesus give to the man after he is healed? What is strange about the first? Wouldn't Jesus want everyone to know (Matthew 9:30; Matthew 12:16)?
- (b) What were two reasons this was important (Matthew 5:17; Matthew 10:18)?
- (c) Read Luke 17:11-19. What similar situation occurs here? What does Jesus tell them to do after they are healed? What is the one *proper* response of the foreigner? How should we respond to what the Lord has done for us (Acts 4:19-20)?
- (d) What happened as a result of this miracle (Luke 5:15; Mark 1:45)?
- (e) What did Jesus continue to make his priority (Luke 5:16)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:12-16 and Luke 17:11-19. Why is it important that believers do the right thing in the eyes of both God and man? How does this affect our testimony for the Lord? Pray that you might have opportunities this week to testify for the Lord in both word and in deed.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 5:12-16. What is the importance of faith in the Christian's life? How is faith a factor in healing? What is the most important thing to remember when asking for healing? How does the leper do this? Pray that many will come to worship the Lord tomorrow with hearts of thanksgiving for all that the Lord has done for them.

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Authority over Disease
"If you are willing, you can make me clean."