

**DOING LIFE TOGETHER**

9. Our response to God’s gift of grace must always begin with belief. Have you responded to God’s gift of grace in your own life? Why does the grace of God always call for a response?

10. When it comes to using God’s blessings for His glory, there is always room for improvement, whether you feel like the 9 or the 1 leper today. What next step do you need to take this week to put a particular blessing—good health, money, your testimony, parenting, job, wisdom, Scripture—to use for God’s glory and mission?

11. When we grasp the magnitude of God’s blessings, we can’t help but want to share them with others. What individuals or people groups do you feel particularly burdened for with regard to their salvation? How can we as a group combine our resources and efforts to help reach them with the gospel?

**Prayer Requests**

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**May 1, 2016**

**Sermon Notes**

**Does God Play Favorites?**

**Privilege Alone Falls Short: Romans 9:1-5**

**What we learn from the Privileges God B\_\_\_\_\_ on Israel**

1. A\_\_\_\_\_ Privileges Bring H\_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 32:32

2. A\_\_\_\_\_ Privileges Fulfill Their P\_\_\_\_\_

Deuteronomy 7:6-8  
 Hebrews 9:5  
 Genesis 17:2  
 Deuteronomy 4:13-14  
 Hebrews 9:1  
 Genesis 17:7-8  
 Genesis 18:18

**The P\_\_\_\_\_ behind God’s Privileges can be derailed by M\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_**

*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

## **GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK**

May 1, 2016

### **THINKING THINGS THROUGH**

1. We throw around the term *blessings* a lot, but if you have a relationship with Jesus, then the blessings God gives you are innumerable. Begin by taking some time to discuss how God has blessed you through Jesus.

2. What does God expect us to do with the blessings He gives us?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### **READ LUKE 17:11-14.**

3. Read Leviticus 13:42-46 also. How did the Jews treat people with leprosy and other skin diseases? With this in mind, would the lepers have felt like they deserved Jesus' attention or His healing? Would they have felt like they had any rights or privileges?

4. In the sermon this week, we learned about Paul's grief for his Jewish brothers and sisters who failed to recognize God's blessings in Christ (Rom. 9:1-5). The religious privilege they felt meant they didn't see the bigger picture of God's work in their lives. How did the lepers' actions in Jesus' presence differ from the people Paul grieved over?

5. How were all ten lepers blessed by their encounter with Jesus? Think about the specific ways Jesus has brought healing to your life—physical and spiritual. How have you been changed by Him?

#### **READ LUKE 17:15-19.**

6. Of the ten men who were healed, one had a unique response. What stands out to you about the Samaritan's response to Jesus' healing? What did he do with Jesus' blessing?

7. What did the one leper understand that the rest of the men did not? What should it help us understand about our own response to the blessings God has given us?

8. The one man who returned understood that he did not deserve to be healed by Jesus, something Jesus attributed to his faith. Think about what you are doing with the blessings God has given you. Are you more like the 9 lepers who accepted Jesus' healing but left it at that, or are you like the one who took the time to publicly praise God? Explain.