

Luke 17:11-19

Small Group Discussion Guide

Opening

- Welcome each person by name
- Invite each person to share how they are feeling “today”
- Work hard to truly listen to each person (but don’t try to fix anyone!)
- Invite one person to pray for the Holy Spirit to illumine your hearts, minds, and bend your wills to follow the Lord as a result of reading the Word

Reading

- Invite one person to read aloud Luke 17:11-19
- Spend 2 minutes in silence to think about the passage (have a time-keeper!)
- Invite a different person to read aloud Luke 17:11-19 for a second reading

Discussion

Pick any of the following questions: don’t feel you need to get through everything, but do try to deepen relationships with those in your group: maybe think of other questions, too

1. Luke, the beloved physician (Colossian 4:14), includes many miracles in his gospel. Describe this particular one. Why does he not focus on the medical or anatomical details of this specific miracle?
2. If all ten lepers were healed, then why did only one return (v.15)? What significance might this have for the point that Luke is trying to make in this episode?
3. Lepers were excluded from Jewish communities and blocked from participation in worship (Leviticus 13-14). Which groups are stigmatized today in our community and why? How might we at Restoration Fellowship welcome such groups rather than ignore them or ostracize them?
4. The leper “fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks” (v.16). What might be the equivalent for you today to nurture your personal relationship with Jesus? Describe a current spiritual practice that helps you increase intimacy with Jesus Christ.
5. Consider any questions you had about the passage

Prayer

- 15 minutes before you end the meeting invite people to share a prayer request
- Ask clarifying questions to ensure you understand what the requests are
- Provide some closing prayer (perhaps the Lord’s Prayer together?)
- Thank the group